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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1361

By: Representative Hickerson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW CONCERNING LEAVE FOR EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES; TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE UNIFORM ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE POLICY ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CLARIFY THE LAW CONCERNING LEAVE FOR EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES; AND TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE UNIFORM ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE POLICY ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-4-216(a)(2), concerning the definition of "educational activity", is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) "Educational activity" means any school-sponsored activity.

(B) "Educational activity" includes without limitation:

- (i) A Attending a parent-teacher conference;
- (ii) ~~Participation~~ Participating in school-sponsored tutoring of the child;
- (iii) ~~Participation~~ Participating in a ~~school-sponsored~~ volunteer program sponsored by the school in which the child is enrolled;
- (iv) A Attending a field trip with the child;
- (v) ~~A classroom~~ Attending a school-sponsored program or ceremony in which the child is participating;
- (vi) Attending a graduation or homecoming ceremony



in which the child is participating;

(vii) Attending an awards or scholarship presentation in which the child is participating;

(viii) Attending a parents' or grandparents' breakfast in which the child is participating;

(ix) Attending a classroom party in which the child is participating;

(x) A Attending a school committee meeting of the school in which the child is enrolled;

~~(vii) An~~ (xi) Attending an academic competition in which the child is participating;

~~(viii) Assisting with~~ (xii) Attending an athletic, music, or theater programs program in which the child is enrolled; and

~~(ix) Any~~ (xiii) Engaging in any of the activities listed in subdivisions ~~(a)(2)(B)(i)-(viii)~~ (a)(2)(B)(i)-(xii) of this section that are connected with a prekindergarten program;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-4-216(b)(1), concerning hours educational activity leave, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) All state employees shall be entitled to eight (8) hours of leave during any one (1) calendar year for the purpose of ~~attending or assisting with~~ engaging in and traveling to or from the educational activities of a child.