

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1612

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING REQUIRED
NOTIFICATIONS TO A PROSECUTING AUTHORITY REGARDING A
STUDENT'S UNEXCUSED ABSENCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING REQUIRED
NOTIFICATIONS TO A PROSECUTING AUTHORITY
REGARDING A STUDENT'S UNEXCUSED ABSENCES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-222(a)(5)(A), concerning notifications of unexcused student absences provided by a school district or an adult education program, is amended to read as follows:

(5)(A) When a student exceeds or uses fifty percent (50%) of the number of unexcused absences provided for in the district's or the ~~State Board of Career Education's~~ Career Education and Workforce Development Board's student attendance policy, or when a student has violated the conditions of an agreement granting special arrangements under subdivision (a)(4)(D) of this section, the school district or the adult education program ~~shall~~ may notify the prosecuting authority ~~and the community truancy board, if a community truancy board has been created,~~ and the student's parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis shall be subject to a civil penalty through a family in need of services action in circuit court, as authorized under subdivision (a)(6)(A) of this section, but not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) plus costs of court and any reasonable fees assessed by the



court.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-222(a)(6)(A)(i), concerning family in need of services petitions filed by a prosecuting authority, is amended to read as follows:

(6)(A)(i) Upon ~~notification by~~ receiving a notice under subdivision (a)(5)(A) of this section and a request for a petition to be filed from the school district or the adult education program ~~to the prosecuting authority~~, the prosecuting authority shall file in circuit court a truancy and a family in need of services petition ~~pursuant to~~ under § 9-27-310 or enter into a diversion agreement with the student ~~pursuant to~~ under § 9-27-323.

/s/Rushing