

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 609

By: Senator Elliott

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS
CODE CONCERNING DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS IN PUBLIC
SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE
ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING DISCIPLINE OF
STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-507(b), concerning discipline of a public school student, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The board of directors of a school district may suspend or expel any student from school for violation of the school district's written discipline policies, except that a school district shall not use out-of-school suspension as a discipline measure for truancy.

(2) The school district shall not use out-of-school suspension or expulsion for a student in kindergarten through grade five (K-5) except in cases when a student's behavior:

(A) Poses a physical risk to himself or herself or to others; or

(B) Causes a serious disruption that cannot be addressed through other means.

/s/Elliott

