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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1715

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By: Senator J. Payton

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ADDITIONAL TICKET FEES FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY STUDENT ACTIVITIES; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CONTRACTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROHIBIT ADDITIONAL TICKET FEES FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY STUDENT ACTIVITIES; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CONTRACTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-18-114. Student activities – Tickets – Definitions.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) “Extracurricular activity” means an intraschool activity not included in a regular curriculum, including without limitation sports and special interest clubs or groups;

(2) “Interscholastic activity” means an interschool activity not included in a regular curriculum, including without limitation sports and special interest clubs or groups that are subject to regulations of the



Arkansas Activities Association; and

(3) "Organized physical activity course" means a school course that:

(A) Is taught by an instructor who is licensed or qualified in physical education under State Board of Education rules; and

(B) Involves body movement produced by skeletal muscles resulting in energy expenditures through organized group or class activities.

(b) A public school district or open-enrollment public charter school that organizes or hosts an extracurricular activity, interscholastic activity, or organized physical activity shall:

(1) Not enter into a contract with a ticket provider that charges a fee over the regular price of admission for the extracurricular activity, interscholastic activity, or organized physical activity;

(2) Not restrict the purchase of a ticket to a single online vendor; and

(3) Ensure an option for the payment of the ticket price to be made in cash.

(c) Unless otherwise provided by law, a public school district shall not impose any requirements for attendance at an extracurricular activity, interscholastic activity, or organized physical activity, other than the cost of a ticket, as a precondition for admission to activity.