

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

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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1192

By: Representative Pilkington

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE POSSESSION OF TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND *E-CIGARETTES BY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS*; TO REQUIRE THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A STUDENT WHO IS FOUND USING, POSSESSING, OR SMOKING TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, OR E-CIGARETTES AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO PAY A FINE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

*TO PROHIBIT THE POSSESSION OF TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND E-CIGARETTES BY STUDENTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE PARENT OF A STUDENT WHO USES, POSSESSES, OR SMOKES TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, OR E-CIGARETTES TO PAY A FINE.*

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

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-21-609(b), concerning the prohibition against smoking tobacco, the use of tobacco or tobacco products, or the use of e-cigarettes at a public school, is amended to read as follows:*

*(b)(1) Smoking tobacco, the use of tobacco or tobacco products, or the use of e-cigarettes is prohibited:*

*~~(1)(A)~~ In or on real property owned or leased by a public school district, ~~including a~~ or an open-enrollment public charter school; ~~or~~ and*

*~~(2)(B)~~ In or on personal property, including without*



~~limitation school buses, owned or leased by a public school district,~~  
~~including a or an open-enrollment public charter school.~~

(2) The use or possession of tobacco or tobacco products by a public school student or the use or possession of e-cigarettes by a public school student is prohibited:

(A) In or on real property owned or leased by a public school district or an open-enrollment public charter school; and

(B) In or on personal property, including without limitation school buses, owned or leased by a public school district or an open-enrollment public charter school.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-21-609, concerning the prohibition against smoking, the use of tobacco or tobacco products, or the use of e-cigarettes, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e)(1) The parent, legal guardian, or person standing in loco parentis to a student who is found by the public school district or open-enrollment public charter school to have violated this section shall be subject to the following fines upon the student being found guilty of having violated this section:

(A) One hundred dollars (\$100) for the first offense;

(B) Five hundred dollars (\$500) for the second offense;

and

(C) One thousand dollars (\$1,000) for a third or subsequent offense.

(2) Any fines collected under subdivision (e)(1) of this section shall be paid to the police department of the town or city in which the public school district or open-enrollment public charter school is located.

(3) However, this subsection shall not apply to a student who is in the custody of the Division of Children and Family Services or the Division of Youth Services.

/s/Pilkington