

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

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 438

By: Senator A. Clark

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL PERSONNEL; TO PERMANENTLY BAN FROM COACHING A COACH OR AN ATHLETICS PERSONNEL MEMBER WHO RECRUITS A STUDENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO PERMANENTLY BAN FROM COACHING A COACH OR AN ATHLETICS PERSONNEL MEMBER WHO RECRUITS A STUDENT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-17-125. Recruitment – Prohibitions – Definitions.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Athletics personnel" means athletic directors and other individuals actively involved in organizing, training, or coaching athletic events for student athletes;

(2) "Recruit" means the use of undue influence or special inducement by a coach or an athletics personnel member employed by a school that is a member of the Arkansas Activities Association in an attempt to encourage, induce, pressure, urge, or entice a prospective student of any age to transfer to the school or retain a student at the school for the purpose of participating in extracurricular activities; and

(3) "School" means a public school district or an open-enrollment public charter school.



(b) A coach or an athletics personnel member who is employed by a school and is found by the Arkansas Activities Association to have recruited a student to the school at which he or she is employed shall be permanently banned from employment as a coach or an athletics personnel member at a school in this state.