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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE TO
10 PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH FLEXIBILITY REGARDING
11 ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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19 LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-503(a)(1)(C), concerning disciplinary
24 policies required for public school districts, is amended to read as follows:

25 (C) The discipline policy required under subdivision
26 (a)(1)(A) of this section shall include provisions for:

27 (i) Placement of a student with disciplinary,
28 socially dysfunctional, or behavioral problems not associated with a physical
29 or mental impairment or disability in an alternative learning environment
30 provided by the district, if the district provides an alternative learning
31 environment; and

32 (ii) Procedures for responding to reports received
33 through the school safety and crisis line under § 6-18-111.
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-48-102 is amended to read as follows:
36 6-48-102. Alternative learning environment ~~required~~ – Reporting.



1 (a)(1) A school district ~~shall~~ may provide one (1) or more alternative
2 learning environments for all students who meet the minimum criteria
3 established by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education.

4 (2) A school district ~~complies with this section if the school~~
5 ~~district provides~~ may provide an alternative learning environment by one (1)
6 or more of the following methods:

7 (A) ~~Establishes and operates~~ Establishing and operating an
8 alternative learning environment;

9 (B) ~~Cooperates~~ Cooperating with one (1) or more other
10 school districts to establish and operate an alternative learning
11 environment;

12 (C) ~~Uses~~ Using an alternative learning environment
13 operated by an education service cooperative established under The Education
14 Service Cooperative Act of 1985, § 6-13-1001 et seq.; or

15 (D) ~~Partners~~ Partnering with a state-supported institution
16 of higher education and technical institutes to provide concurrent courses or
17 technical education options for academic learning to students in grades eight
18 through twelve (8-12).

19 (b) Annually, a school district that provides an alternative learning
20 environment under this section shall submit to the division:

21 (1) Information on race and gender of the students educated in
22 the alternative learning environment;

23 (2) Any other information regarding students educated in
24 alternative learning environments that the division requires by rule; and

25 (3) An assurance statement that the school district is in
26 compliance with this chapter.

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