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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1903

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### For An Act To Be Entitled

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

### Subtitle

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE  
TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH  
FLEXIBILITY REGARDING ALTERNATIVE  
LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-503(a)(1)(C), concerning disciplinary  
policies required for public school districts, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

(ii) Procedures for responding to reports received  
through the school safety and crisis line under § 6-18-111.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-48-102 is amended to read as follows:

6-48-102. Alternative learning environment ~~required~~ – Reporting.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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