

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

Act 1033 of 2001
HOUSE BILL 2198

5 By: Representatives Magnus, C. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISION PERTAINING TO THE CIVIL
10 RIGHTS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISION PERTAINING
14 TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION OF THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-10-111 is amended to read as follows:
22 6-10-111. Civil rights section of Department of Education.

23 (a) The Department of Education is authorized to establish a special
24 section within its organization, to be known as the Equity Assistance Center,
25 designed to provide assistance to the school districts of the state in such
26 activities as affirmative action, program accessibility, human relations,
27 awareness, and desegregation.

28 (b) Such assistance shall include on-site visits, workshops, program
29 review, and any other special activity which might enable the school
30 districts of the state to more effectively meet their civil rights
31 responsibilities.

32 (c) The ~~special section~~ Equity Assistance Center created by this
33 section shall be the liaison for the department with the United States Office
34 of Civil Rights. ~~It~~ The Equity Assistance Center shall maintain manuals,
35 guidelines, procedures, and other informational materials setting
36 requirements in the area of civil rights and describing how determination of

1 compliance is made.

2 (d) Annually, each local school district in the state shall provide
3 the Equity Assistance Center ~~the department~~ assurances of compliance with
4 civil rights responsibilities in the form and at the time as is designated by
5 the Director of the Department of Education.

6 (e) The Department of Education may withhold state aid from any
7 district that fails to file its assurance of compliance with civil rights
8 responsibilities by October 15 each year, or fails to file any other
9 information with a published deadline requested from school districts by the
10 Equity Assistance Center so long as thirty (30) calendar days are given
11 between the request for the information and the published deadline, except
12 thirty (30) days notice shall not be required when the request comes from a
13 member or committee of the General Assembly.

14 (f) The Department of Education is authorized to develop forms and
15 promulgate appropriate rules, regulations, and procedures as may be required
16 to implement the provisions of this section.

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