

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 1565 of 2001  
HOUSE BILL 2394

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-106(a) TO MAKE  
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12 TOWARD ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL *EMPLOYEE* DURING THE  
13 COURSE OF HIS OR HER DUTIES; AND FOR OTHER  
14 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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21 OR HER DUTIES.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-17-106(a), pertaining to insult or abuse of  
28 a teacher, is amended to read as follows:

29 (a) ~~(1) Any person who shall abuse or insult a public school teacher~~  
30 ~~while that teacher is performing normal and regular or assigned school~~  
31 ~~responsibilities~~ It is unlawful, during regular school hours, and in a place  
32 where a public school employee is required to be in the course of his or her  
33 duties, for any person to address a public school employee using language  
34 which, in its common acceptance, is calculated to:

35 (A) Cause a breach of the peace;

36 (B) Materially and substantially interfere with the

1 operation of the school; or  
2 (C) Arouse the person to whom it is addressed to anger, to  
3 the extent likely to cause imminent retaliation.

4 (2) A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a  
5 misdemeanor and upon conviction be liable for a fine of not less than one  
6 hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand five hundred dollars  
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