Hall of the House of Representatives
95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025
Amendment Form

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Subtitle of House Bill 1512

TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS ACCESS ACT; AND TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS
OF THE ARKANSAS CODE AS THEY RELATE TO EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF
ARKANSAS.

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Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 1512

Amend House Bill 1512 as engrossed H3/6/25 (version: 3/6/25 02:58:41 PM):

Page 36, delete lines 24 through 36, and substitute the following:

"(a) A public school district or an open-enrollment public charter
school shall not grant excused absences for purposes of political protest.

(b) A public school district or an open-enrollment public charter
school may grant an excused absence for the following purposes with written
consent of a parent, legal guardian, or person standing in loco parentis to
the student:

(1) Social or public policy advocacy; or

(2) Attempts to influence legislation or other governmental
policy-making at the local, state, or federal level.

(c) This section does not prohibit students from attending curricular
or cocurricular activities approved by the public school district or open-
enrollment public charter school for credit.

(d) A public school district or an open-enrollment public charter
school that grants excused or unexcused absences under subsections (a) or (b)
of this section shall provide a report by June 30 each year to the Division
of Elementary and Secondary Education that contains the following:

(1) The number of absences requested under this section;

(2) The number of absences granted under this section; and

(3) The stated purposes of the absence."

AND

Page 37, delete lines 1 through 4

AND

Page 117, delete lines 11 and 12, and substitute the following:
"6-16-1202."

AND

Page 117, line 14, delete "or through virtual means"

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative M. Shepherd
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