

ARKANSAS SENATE
95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill 246

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.

Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 246

Amend Senate Bill 246 as engrossed S3/6/25 (version: 3/6/25 07:18:42 PM):

Page 36, delete lines 25 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 5

AND

Page 117, delete lines 14 and 15, and substitute the following:
"6-16-1202."

AND

Page 117, line 17, delete "or through virtual means"

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____
By: Senator J. Dismang
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Secretary