

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.

1 State of Arkansas
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As Engrossed: H3/2/01
A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1935

5 By: Representatives Mathis, Rankin
6 By: Senator T. Smith
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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT COACHES AND COACHING STAFF OF
11 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION *FROM USING*
12 OBSCENITIES OR PROFANITY DURING PRESS
13 CONFERENCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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15 **Subtitle**

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17 STAFF OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
18 EDUCATION *FROM USING* OBSCENITIES OR
19 PROFANITY DURING PRESS CONFERENCES.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. The General Assembly recognizes that:

25 (1) Coaches and coaching staff of the institutions of higher education
26 in the state are role models to both athletes and fans, and should be held to
27 the highest standards of decency.

28 (2) The use of profanity or obscene language by a coach or coaching
29 staff would have a negative impact on those looking toward these individuals
30 as role models.

31 (3) The local boards of directors of the secondary schools of this
32 state do not and will not tolerate the use of obscene language or profanity
33 by a school district's coach, and neither should our state institutions of
34 higher education.

35 (4) The state should not provide funding to an institution of higher
36 education that allows coaches or coaching staff to use profanity or obscene

1 language during a press conference.

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3 SECTION 2. (a) It is the expectation that coaches and coaching staff
4 at state supported institutions of higher education avoid the public use of
5 profanity and obscene language.

6 (b) No state supported institution of higher education that employs an
7 athletic coach or a member of the athletic coaching staff that uses profanity
8 or obscene language during a press conference shall receive any state funding
9 during the next following fiscal year.

10 (c) The provision of subsection (b) shall not apply if the coach or
11 member of the coaching staff issues a public apology within ten (10) calendar
12 days after any profanity or obscene language is used during a press
13 conference.

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/s/ Mathis, et al.

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