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A Bill

SENATE BILL 438

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5 By: Senator A. Clark
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL PERSONNEL; TO PERMANENTLY
10 BAN FROM COACHING A COACH OR AN ATHLETICS PERSONNEL
11 MEMBER WHO RECRUITS A STUDENT; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TO PERMANENTLY BAN FROM COACHING A COACH
17 OR AN ATHLETICS PERSONNEL MEMBER WHO
18 RECRUITS A STUDENT.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 1, is amended
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 6-17-125. Recruitment – Prohibitions – Definitions.

25 (a) As used in this section:

26 (1) "Athletics personnel" means athletic directors and other
27 individuals actively involved in organizing, training, or coaching athletic
28 events for student athletes;

29 (2) "Recruit" means the use of undue influence or special
30 inducement by a coach or an athletics personnel member employed by a school
31 that is a member of the Arkansas Activities Association in an attempt to
32 encourage, induce, pressure, urge, or entice a prospective student of any age
33 to transfer to the school or retain a student at the school for the purpose
34 of participating in extracurricular activities; and

35 (3) "School" means a public school district or an open-
36 enrollment public charter school.



1 (b) A coach or an athletics personnel member who is employed by a
2 school and is found by the Arkansas Activities Association to have recruited
3 a student to the school at which he or she is employed shall be permanently
4 banned from employment as a coach or an athletics personnel member at a
5 school in this state.

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