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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 306

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO DEFINE "PREKINDERGARTEN" FOR PURPOSES OF  
9 STATE EMPLOYEE LEAVE FOR PARTICIPATION IN CHILDREN'S  
10 EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

14 TO DEFINE "PREKINDERGARTEN" FOR PURPOSES  
15 OF STATE EMPLOYEE LEAVE FOR PARTICIPATION  
16 IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-4-216(a)(2), concerning the definition  
22 of "educational activity" for purposes of state employee leave for  
23 participation in children's educational activities, is amended to read as  
24 follows:

25 (2)(A) "Educational activity" means any school-sponsored  
26 activity.

27 (B) "Educational activity" includes without limitation:

- 28 (i) A parent-teacher conference;  
29 (ii) Participation in school-sponsored tutoring;  
30 (iii) Participation in a school-sponsored volunteer  
31 program;  
32 (iv) A field trip;  
33 (v) A classroom program;  
34 (vi) A school committee meeting;  
35 (vii) An academic competition; ~~and~~  
36 (viii) Assisting with athletic, music, or theater



1 programs; and

2 (ix) Any of the activities listed in subdivisions  
3 (a)(2)(B)(i)-(viii) of this section that are connected with a prekindergarten  
4 program;

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6 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-4-216(a), concerning definitions for  
7 state employee leave for participation in children’s educational activities,  
8 is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

9 (5) "Prekindergarten" means an educational and child development  
10 program for children who are at least three (3) years of age but less than  
11 kindergarten age that is designed to prepare them for an academic  
12 kindergarten program.

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