

Children’s Legislation Enacted in 2011

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H. 3562, R. 44, A. 24 –‘Chandler’s Law’ ATV Safety

Sponsor: Ott, Brady, Butler Garrick, Spires
Status: Signed by Governor May 11, 2011
Effective: July 1, 2011

Adds Chapter 26 of Title 50 to create the “All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Act.” The Act provides for the regulation of operation of All-Terrain Vehicles including minimum age and passenger requirements, safety course requirements and penalties for certain violations. The law provides for exceptions to these requirements. The law also specifically prevents entry into private lands except when based on plain view observation or incident to an accident investigation. ATVs are exempt from ad valorem taxes and may be titled.

S. 241, R. 80, A. 103—Dyslexia Task Force

Sponsor: Rose
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Effective: June 14, 2011

Establishes the Dyslexia Task Force to study instructional practices and strategies that benefit students with dyslexia and examine the ways in which current state policies affect these students. Provides for the composition of the task force and that the task force will report its findings to the General Assembly.

S. 445, R. 60, A. 34– Blood Borne Disease Confidentiality

Sponsor: Hutto, Fair, Jackson
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Amends §44-29-135 to delete the requirement that the superintendent and school nurse be notified when a minor in grades six through twelve with AIDS or who is infected with HIV attends public school. DHEC must notify the superintendent of the school district and nurse or other health professional assigned to the school when a student in public school grades kindergarten through fifth grade has AIDS or is infected with HIV. The notification must not be recorded in the child’s permanent record and must be purged before the child enters sixth grade. School districts must adopt the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations on universal precautions for blood borne diseases. School districts must provide written notice including education and training for infection control, universal precautions, and disinfection and sterilization techniques.

S. 854, R. 71, A. 39– Assault and Battery Offenses

Sponsor: Malloy
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Amends §16-3-600, first and second degree assault and battery offenses to substitute the term “person” for the term “an adult.” This is a technical correction to offenses which involve the nonconsensual touching of the private parts of another.