Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 53 of the 2nd Extraordinary Session

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: S1/16/04	Call Item 4	
2	84th General Assembly	A Bill		
3	Second Extraordinary Session, 2003 HOUSE BILL 106-			
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5	By: Representative Jackson			
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled			
9	AN ACT TO ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF DISTANCE			
10	LEARNING TO ALL STUDENTS IN ARKANSAS; AND FOR			
11	OTHER PUR	POSES.		
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13		Subtitle		
14	AN ACT	TO ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF		
15	DISTANCE LEARNING TO ALL STUDENTS IN			
16	ARKANSA	AS.		
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19	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GEN	NERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF AR	KANSAS:	
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21	SECTION 1. Arkans	sas Code Title 6, Chapter 10, is	amended to add an	
22	additional section to re	ead as follows:		
23	6-16-135. Statewi	ide coordination.		
24	(a) The General A	Assembly finds that:		
25	(1) Arkansa	as public schools face a serious	shortage of teachers;	
26	(2) Educati	ional technology can help lift th	e burden of teacher	
27	shortages by making dist	cance learning available across t	he state; and	
28	(3) Distanc	ce learning should be available to	o every Arkansas	
29	student who wishes to pa	articipate.		
30	(b)(l) The Depart	tment of Education shall promulga	te the rules	
31	necessary for efficient scheduling of courses offered by public schools			
32	through distance learning technologies. The rules shall apply beginning for			
33	the 2004-2005 school year.			
34	<u>(2) A publi</u>	ic school that offers courses thr	ough distance	
35	learning technologies shall comply with the rules promulgated pursuant to			
36	this section.			



1	/s/ Jackson	
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