

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

4 **By: Representative McKissack**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 6-16-112 TO
9 REQUIRE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN ALL DISCIPLINES OF THE
10 EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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14 SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. Environmental problems are facing
15 Arkansas and the world in a greater magnitude than ever before in history.
16 Destruction of rainforests, loss of animal and plant species, global warming,
17 population explosion, and toxic wastes are words and issues we readily
18 recognize.

19 Resolution of these problems can be addressed only through an informed,
20 committed citizenry. The first step toward this goal must be a comprehensive
21 environmental education. Too often environmental education has been limited
22 to a study of nature or other science curriculum when actually any such
23 education should include the study of natural and man-made systems and
24 environmental problems from a cultural, historic, aesthetic, and health
25 perspective. Students of environmental education should see the world as a
26 whole and not as separate parts and develop an awareness and a conservation
27 ethic which seeks to protect a quality of life, a life where nature and
28 mankind coexist.

29 It is, therefore, the intent of this legislation to develop an
30 interdisciplinary approach to environmental education by integrating the study
31 of ecological principles and environmental issues into a total curricula.

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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 6-16-112 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 "6-16-112. Environmental Education.

35 Environmental education shall be integrated into all appropriate

1 curriculum areas pursuant to rules and regulations to be adopted by the
2 Arkansas Department of Education."

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4 SECTION 3. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent
5 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
6 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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8 SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the
9 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such
10 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which
11 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this
12 end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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14 SECTION 5. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict
15 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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