

1 **State of Arkansas**  
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4 **By: Representative Young**

# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL 1592**

## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED §6-10-108 TO  
9 AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A  
10 PILOT PROGRAM IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT WHEREBY THE SCHOOL YEAR  
11 IS OVER A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD WITH SCATTERED VACATION  
12 PERIODS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES."

## **Subtitle**

16 "TO AMEND ARK. CODE §6-10-108 TO AUTHORIZE A PILOT PROGRAM  
17 FOR TWELVE-MONTH YEAR-ROUND EDUCATION."

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

21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code §6-10-108 is amended to read as follows:

22 "6-10-108. Twelve-month school year.

23 (a) It is found and determined by the General Assembly that public  
24 school facilities in the state are now effectively utilized only nine (9) or  
25 ten (10) months each year; that such facilities could be more efficiently  
26 utilized and educational opportunities in the various districts could be  
27 enhanced by the establishment and operation of educational programs on a  
28 twelve (12) month per year basis. It is therefore the intent and purpose of  
29 this section to authorize public schools to initiate and maintain public  
30 school educational programs on a twelve-month basis.

31 (b) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires,  
32 twelve-month year-round educational program means an educational program in  
33 which all students attend school no less than the number of days required by  
34 the Arkansas Standards for Accreditation between July 1 and June 30 of each  
35 school year; and no vacation, including summer, lasts more than six (6) weeks.

1 (c) The board of directors of any school district is authorized to  
2 initiate and maintain a twelve-month year-round educational program in any or  
3 all of the public schools in the district. However, any school district which  
4 does not elect to operate on a twelve-month basis must start school in  
5 accordance with the provisions of § 6-10-106.

6 (d) The State Board of Education is authorized to establish appropriate  
7 standards, guidelines, rules, and regulations for determination of average  
8 daily membership (ADM) of school districts and for the distribution of Minimum  
9 Foundation Program Aid, Transportation Aid, and other forms of state aid and  
10 financial assistance to each local school district that elects to operate the  
11 public schools of such district on a twelve-month basis, to provide such  
12 district with an equitable share of such aid funds designated to equate a  
13 twelve-month school operation by such district to the educational  
14 opportunities provided by a district offering nine (9) months of public school  
15 instruction. *Provided, however, the school district shall not receive any*  
16 *more state financial aid for offering twelve (12) months of public school*  
17 *instruction than it would have received for offering nine (9) months of public*  
18 *school instruction.*

19 (e) For purposes of determining the effects of twelve-month year-round  
20 educational programs upon student learning, the State Board of Education is  
21 authorized to establish one (1) pilot program *based on proposals submitted to*  
22 *the Director of the General Education Division by April 1, 1993, whereby*  
23 *students in any or all of the public schools in a district are offered*  
24 *educational opportunities over a twelve-month period with vacations or*  
25 *intersessions scattered throughout the year. The Director of the General*  
26 *Education Division shall evaluate the pilot program at the end of the 1993-94*  
27 *school year and report his findings by August 31, 1994, to the State Board of*  
28 *Education, and the Joint Interim Oversight Subcommittee on Educational*  
29 *Reform."*

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31 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
32 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
33 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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35 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to

1 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
2 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
3 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
4 act are declared to be severable.

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6 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
7 hereby repealed.

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9 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. Not adopted.

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*/s/Rep. Young*

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