

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1993**  
4 **By: Senator Hardin**

# A Bill

**SENATE BILL 3**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-10-106 (a) CONCERNING THE  
9 BEGINNING DATE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

13 "AN ACT CONCERNING THE BEGINNING DATE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR;  
14 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-10-106 (a) is amended to read as follows:

19 "(a) (1) *In each school year, the first day of the school year for*  
20 *student attendance in the public elementary and secondary schools of the state*  
21 *of Arkansas shall begin no earlier than August 19 and no later than August 26.*  
22 *If, however, August 18 falls on a Monday, school may begin on that date. The*  
23 *date for beginning the school year shall be determined by the school board of*  
24 *the school district. Labor Day shall be celebrated as a school holiday in all*  
25 *the school districts of the state and school shall not be held on these dates.*  
26 (2) *The State Department of Education, General Education Division, may*  
27 *grant a school district a wavier to begin school on an earlier or later date,*  
28 *if the department determines that there exists a material and substantial*  
29 *reason for the school district to begin on an earlier or later date due to*  
30 *very exceptional or emergency ciarcumstances such as a contagious disease*  
31 *outbreaks, inclement weather or other acts of God.'*"

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

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

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

*/s/Senator Hardin*

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