

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1439

5 By: Representatives Elliott, White, Goss, Mahony  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN GRADE  
10 TWELVE (12) TO ATTEND A FULL SCHOOL DAY; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO REQUIRE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
14 IN GRADE TWELVE (12) TO ATTEND A FULL  
15 SCHOOL DAY.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 *SECTION 1. For purposes of this act:*

22 (1) "Financial hardships" mean harm or suffering caused by a  
23 student's inability to obtain or provide basic life necessities of food,  
24 clothing, and shelter for the student or the student's family; and

25 (2) "Planned instructional time" means regularly scheduled class  
26 periods offering organized teaching of a Department of Education sanctioned  
27 class curriculum.  
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29 *SECTION 2. (a) Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year, students in*  
30 grades nine through twelve (9-12) shall be required to schedule and attend a  
31 full school day.

32 (b)(1) No later than January 30, 2004, the State Board of Education  
33 shall promulgate regulations that require students in grades nine through  
34 twelve (9-12) to enroll in no fewer than three hundred fifty (350) minutes of  
35 planned instructional time each day as a requirement for graduation.

36 (2)(A) The regulations shall allow local school boards of



1 directors to develop policies to allow no more than one (1) class period each  
2 day for organized and scheduled student extracurricular classes to be  
3 included as planned instructional time.

4 (B) If the extracurricular class is related to a seasonal  
5 activity, the class must continue to meet after the season ends to be counted  
6 toward the requirement of planned instructional time.

7 (2) The regulation shall allow local school boards of directors  
8 to develop policies for granting waivers to students who would experience  
9 proven financial hardships if required to attend a full school day.

10 (c) Enrollment and attendance to vocational-educational training  
11 courses, college courses, school work programs, and other Department of  
12 Education sanctioned educational programs may be used to satisfy the  
13 requirements of this section, even if the program is not located at the  
14 public school.

15 /s/ Elliott, et al

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