

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2756

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5 By: Representative Walters
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO CREATE "CELEBRATE FREEDOM WEEK" IN
10 PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON THE LAST FULL WEEK OF CLASSES
11 IN SEPTEMBER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO CREATE "CELEBRATE FREEDOM
15 WEEK" IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON THE LAST FULL
16 WEEK OF CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. (a) To educate students about the sacrifices made for
22 freedom in the founding of this country and the values on which this country
23 was founded, the last full week of classes in September in Arkansas public
24 schools shall be recognized as "Celebrate Freedom Week."

25 (b)(1) During "Celebrate Freedom Week" all social studies classes
26 shall include instruction on as determined by each school in each social
27 studies class.

28 (2) It is recommended that the instructions include the
29 discussion about the meaning and importance of the Declaration of
30 Independence and the United States Constitution, with an emphasis on the
31 Preamble and the Bill of Rights, in the document's historical context.

32 (3) It is suggested that a study of the Declaration of
33 Independence include exercises related to the relationship of the ideas
34 expressed in that document to subsequent American history, including the
35 relationship between ideas contained in the document and the rich diversity
36 of our people as a nation of immigrants, the American revolution, the



1 formulation of the United States Constitution, the abolitionist movement and
2 how it led to the adoption of the Emancipation Proclamation, and the women's
3 suffrage movement.

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