

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Second Extraordinary Session, 2003
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As Engrossed: S1/16/04
A Bill

Call Item 4

HOUSE BILL 1064

5 By: Representative Jackson
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF DISTANCE
10 LEARNING TO ALL STUDENTS IN ARKANSAS; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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13 **Subtitle**

14 AN ACT TO ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF
15 DISTANCE LEARNING TO ALL STUDENTS IN
16 ARKANSAS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 10, is amended to add an
22 additional section to read as follows:

23 6-16-135. Statewide coordination.

24 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

25 (1) Arkansas public schools face a serious shortage of teachers;

26 (2) Educational technology can help lift the burden of teacher
27 shortages by making distance learning available across the state; and

28 (3) Distance learning should be available to every Arkansas
29 student who wishes to participate.

30 (b)(1) The Department of Education shall promulgate the rules
31 necessary for efficient scheduling of courses offered by public schools
32 through distance learning technologies. The rules shall apply beginning for
33 the 2004-2005 school year.

34 (2) A public school that offers courses through distance
35 learning technologies shall comply with the rules promulgated pursuant to
36 this section.



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