

1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
3 Second Extraordinary Session, 2003  
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# A Bill

Call Item 4

HOUSE BILL 1064

5 By: Representative Jackson  
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## 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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### 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) Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year, regardless of the number  
31 of months per year or days per week that classes meet, all public schools  
32 shall ensure that all courses in Arkansas that are available through distance  
33 learning shall be scheduled at the same hour of the same day in accordance  
34 with the rules promulgated under subsection (c) of this section.

35 (c) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules necessary for  
36 the implementation of this section.

