

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1611

5 By: Representatives Tucker, *M. Gray*  
6 By: Senators Elliott, *Bond*  
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**For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE BASIC LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION  
10 IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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**Subtitle**

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13 CONCERNING THE BASIC LANGUAGE OF  
14 INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-16-104 is amended to read as follows:  
21 6-16-104. Basic language of instruction.

22 (a)(1) The basic language of instruction in the public school branches  
23 in all the schools of the state, public and private, shall be the English  
24 *language only.*

25 (2) It shall not be a violation of this section for an educator  
26 to communicate with a student in the student's native language in order to  
27 facilitate the student's ability to become proficient and learn in the  
28 English language.

29 (b) It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Education, the  
30 Director of the Department of Career Education, and city superintendents to  
31 see that the provisions of this section are carried out.

32 ~~(c) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be~~  
33 ~~guilty of a violation and upon conviction shall be fined not to exceed~~  
34 ~~twenty five dollars (\$25.00), payable into the general school fund of the~~  
35 ~~county.~~

36 ~~(d) Each day this violation occurs shall be considered a separate~~



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