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# A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1457

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5 By: Representatives C. Douglas, Hammer

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND AN OPEN-

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ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TO DEVELOP A PLAN

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FOR THE USE OF AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF INSTRUCTION

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TO BE USED ON DAYS WHEN SCHOOL IS CANCELLED; AND FOR

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OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-10-127 is amended to read as follows:*

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*6-10-127. Making up missed school days.*

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*(a) If a superintendent ~~cancels~~ closes school for a regularly*

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*scheduled school day due to exceptional or emergency circumstances such as a*

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*contagious disease outbreak, inclement weather, or other acts of God, the*

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*superintendent ~~can~~ may make up missed school days by adding time to the*

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*beginning or ending of a regular school day for a minimum of sixty (60)*

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*minutes.*

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*(b)(1) The Commissioner of Education may grant up to the equivalent of*

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*ten (10) student attendance days for public school districts that have an*

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*alternative instruction plan approved by the commissioner for the use of*

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*alternative methods of instruction, including without limitation virtual*



1 learning, on days when the public school district is closed due to  
2 exceptional or emergency circumstances such as:

3 (A) A contagious disease outbreak, inclement weather, or  
4 other acts of God; or

5 (B) A utility outage.

6 (2) The public school district's alternative instruction plan  
7 shall demonstrate how teaching and learning in the public school district  
8 will not be negatively impacted by the use of alternative methods of  
9 instruction under subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

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11 /s/C. Douglas  
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