

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2019-068

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1390

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6 By: Representatives Lowery, Cozart

7 Filed with: House Committee on Education
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DATES FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE
11 SCHOOL YEAR; TO AMEND THE DATE ON WHICH PUBLIC
12 SCHOOLS SHALL BEGIN THE *SCHOOL YEAR; TO ALLOW A*
13 *PUBLIC SCHOOL TO TRANSITION FROM A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF*
14 *DAYS REQUIRED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR TO A CERTAIN*
15 *AMOUNT OF HOURS REQUIRED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR; AND*
16 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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25 *HOURS REQUIRED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.*

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

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30 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-10-106(a), concerning the dates for the
31 beginning and end of the school year is amended to read as follows:

32 (a)(1)(A) ~~In each school year~~ Beginning with the 2020-2021 school
33 year, the first day of the school year for student attendance in the public
34 elementary and secondary schools ~~of the State of Arkansas~~ shall not be+

35 (i) ~~On or after the Monday of the week in which~~
36 ~~August 19 falls;~~

1 (v) Any other relevant information regarding aspects
2 of public school education and reporting requirements that may be affected by
3 the transition requested under this subdivision (d)(1)(A).

4 (B) The department shall approve a public school's or
5 open-enrollment public charter school's submitted plan under subdivision
6 (d)(1)(A) of this section unless the public school's or open-enrollment
7 public charter school's submitted plan does not meet the requirements of the
8 department under subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section.

9 (2) A plan submitted by a public school or open-enrollment
10 public charter school under subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section shall be
11 submitted to the department by July 1 of the year in which the public school
12 or open-enrollment public charter school is requesting that the transition
13 under subdivision (d)(1)(A) take place.

14 (3) The department shall submit annually by August 1 to the
15 House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education a list of
16 public schools and open-enrollment public charter schools that have requested
17 and received approval for a plan to transition from a certain number of days
18 for student-teacher interaction time to a certain number of hours for
19 student-teacher interaction time under subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section.

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22 /s/Lowery
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25 Referred requested by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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