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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1758

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6 By: Representatives Richardson, McCullough, Scott

7 By: Senator Elliott

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

For An Act To Be Entitled

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11 *AN ACT TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM REGARDING INTRASTATE*
12 *DISTRICT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES; AND FOR OTHER*
13 *PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

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16 *TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM REGARDING*
17 *INTRASTATE DISTRICT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES.*

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

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended
24 to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 6-16-151. Intrastate district exchange experience.

26 (a) The purpose of this section is to create opportunities for public
27 school and open-enrollment public charter school students and teachers to
28 study a variety of topics surrounding school and community life in other
29 communities through a two-year intrastate district exchange experience.

30 (b) A public school and an open-enrollment public charter school may
31 offer to public school and open-enrollment public charter school students and
32 teachers the opportunity to participate in an intrastate district exchange
33 experience under this section.

34 (c) An intrastate district exchange experience under this section
35 shall:

36 (1) Last for at least one (1) week but no longer than two (2)

1 weeks;

2 (2) Include without limitation studies that cover the following
3 topics:

- 4 (A) Academics;
- 5 (B) Culture;
- 6 (C) History;
- 7 (D) Social conditions; and
- 8 (E) Economic conditions;

9 (3) Be scheduled in accordance with agreements made by the
10 participating public schools and open-enrollment public charter schools; and

11 (4) Ensure that participating public schools and open-enrollment
12 public charter schools develop a course of study that:

- 13 (A) Incorporates aspects of the community in which the
14 participating public schools and open-enrollment public charter schools are
15 located; and
- 16 (B) Is approved by the Department of Education.

17 (d) A public school student who participates in an intrastate district
18 exchange experience under this section shall:

- 19 (1)(A) Complete and submit a capstone project at the conclusion
20 of the intrastate district exchange experience.
- 21 (2) Not be considered absent during the days in which the
22 student is participating in the intrastate district exchange experience;
- 23 (3) Earn credit for his or her participation in the intrastate
24 district exchange experience under this section; and
- 25 (4) Obtain permission from his or her parent or legal guardian
26 to participate in the intrastate district exchange experience.

27 (e) A public school or an open-enrollment public charter school shall
28 be responsible for the payment of a substitute when a public school or open-
29 enrollment public charter school teacher is participating in an intrastate
30 district exchange experience under this section.

31 (f) A public school or open-enrollment public charter school student
32 or teacher participating in an intrastate district exchange experience under
33 this section shall be housed in public school district-approved facilities
34 during the course of the intrastate district exchange experience.

35 (g) A private entity or an individual may participate in the funding
36 of intrastate district exchange experiences under this section, including

1 without limitation by making in-kind donations.

2 (h)(1) The department shall promulgate rules necessary to implement
3 this section.

4 (2)(A) When adopting the initial rules to implement this
5 section, the final rules shall be filed with the Secretary of State for
6 adoption under § 25-15-204(f):

7 (i) On or before January 1, 2018; or

8 (ii) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred
9 by January 1, 2018, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

10 (B) The department shall file the proposed rule with the
11 Legislative Council under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently in advance of January 1,
12 2020, so that the Legislative Council may consider the rule for approval
13 before January 1, 2020.

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15 */s/Richardson*
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18 Referred requested by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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