For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE SPRING BREAK HOLIDAY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE SPRING BREAK HOLIDAY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-10-106(d), concerning the common spring break for public schools, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) For school years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, each public school district that provides a week-long holiday for spring break shall schedule the spring break holiday for five (5) consecutive school days beginning on the Monday of the thirty-eighth week of the school year.

(2) The thirty-eighth week of the school year shall be calculated by counting as week one the first week in July that begins on a Sunday.

(3) Nothing in this subsection (d) shall prevent a public school district from providing fewer than five (5) consecutive school days for the spring break holiday to comply with the department’s requirement for a minimum number of days for student attendance under the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.

(4)(A) There is created an advisory committee to review the impact of this subsection (d) during the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years.
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on the coordination of academic, extracurricular, and athletic school
activities and on state tourism.

(B) The advisory committee shall be composed of eight (8) members, as follows:

(i) The Commissioner of Education or his or her
designee;

(ii) The Director of the Department of Higher
Education or his or her designee;

(iii) The Director of the Department of Parks and
Tourism or his or her designee;

(iv) The Executive Director of the Arkansas
Hospitality Association or his or her designee;

(v) The Executive Director of the Arkansas
Activities Association or his or her designee;

(vi) The Executive Director of the Arkansas
Association of Educational Administrators or his or her designee;

(vii) The Executive Director of the Arkansas
Education Association or his or her designee; and

(viii) The Executive Director of the Arkansas School
Boards Association or his or her designee.

(C) The commissioner or his or her designee shall serve as
chair of the advisory committee.

(D) The advisory committee shall meet upon the call of the
chair but at least annually at a location designated by the chair.

(E) By August 1, 2012, and August 1, 2013, the advisory
committee shall report to the Senate Committee on Education and the House
Committee on Education any findings and recommendations of the advisory
committee for the impact of this section on the coordination of academic,
extracurricular, and athletic school activities and on state tourism.

(F) The advisory committee's work shall end upon the
filing of the August 1, 2013, report unless the Senate Committee on Education
or the House Committee on Education requests further study by the advisory
committee.

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