1	State of Arkansas				
2	81st General Assembly	General Assembly A Bill		ACT 1147 OF 1997	
3	Regular Session, 1997		HOUSE BILL	1094	
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5	By: Representative Young				
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled				
9	"AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO INITIATE				
10	AND MAINTAIN FOUR-DAY SCHOOL WEEKS SO LONG AS PLANNED				
11	INSTRUCTIONAL TIME IS IN ACCORD WITH REQUIREMENTS				
12	ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER				
13	PURPOSES."				
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15	Subtitle				
16	"TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO				
17	INITIATE AND MAINTAIN FOUR-DAY SCHOOL				
18	WEEKS SO LONG AS PLANNED INSTRUCTIONAL				
19	TIME IS IN ACCORD WITH STATE BOARD OF				
20	EDUCATION	REQUIREMENTS."			
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22	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERA	AL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANS	SAS:		
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24	SECTION 1. (a) It is found and determined by the General Assembly that				
25	granting local school districts greater flexibility in scheduling				
26	instructional time can reap educational benefits for the students and				
27	financial rewards for the districts. It is the intent of this act to				
28	authorize local school districts to initiate and maintain public school				
29	educational programs on a four-day school week basis, so long as planned				
30	instructional time is in accord with requirements established by the State				
31	Board of Education.				
32	(b) As used in this act, "four-day school week" means an educational				
33	program in which all students attend school for four (4) days a week but no				
34	fewer than the total number of hours required by the Arkansas Standards for				
35	Accreditation in a five-day school week.				
36	(c) The board of directors of any school district is authorized to				

1 initiate and maintain a four-day school week in any or all of the public 2 schools in the district. 3 (d) The State Board of Education shall establish appropriate standards, 4 guidelines, rules, and regulations for the determination of average daily 5 membership of school districts and for the distribution of state aid to each 6 local school district that elects to operate any or all of the public schools 7 of such district on a four-day week basis, to provide such district with an 8 equitable share of such aid funds designated to equate a four-day school week 9 operation by such district to the educational opportunities provided by a 10 district offering a five-day school week. Provided, however, that a school 11 district shall not receive any more state financial aid for offering a four-12 day school week of instruction than it would have received for offering a 13 five-day week of instruction. 14 15 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature 16 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code 17 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code. 18 19 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to 20 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect 21 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without 22 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this 23 act are declared to be severable. 24 25 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are 26 hereby repealed. 2.7 APPROVED: 4-07-97 2.8 29 30 31 32 33 34 35