

1 State of Arkansas
2 90th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2015

A Bill

SENATE BILL 180

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5 By: Senator E. Williams
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH FLEXIBILITY
9 IN DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY
10 INCLEMENT WEATHER DAY; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 FLEXIBILITY IN DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT
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18 DAY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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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 10, Subchapter 1, is amended
24 to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 6-10-126. Emergency Inclement weather days.

26 (a) A superintendent may delay the start time or release early a
27 school or schools in the school district due to emergency inclement weather.

28 (b)(1) For no more than five (5) school days total per year, a
29 superintendent may, due to inclement weather, either:

30 (A) Delay the start of the school day until as late as
31 10:00 a.m.; or

32 (B) Release students from school no earlier than 1:00 p.m.

33 (2) A school day that is delayed or released early under
34 subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall count as a credited school day, with
35 no requirement for additional days to be added to the school calendar.
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1 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
2 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that inclement weather creates
3 serious challenges for school districts; that make-up days from school missed
4 due to inclement weather has caused difficulties for school districts over
5 the past several years; and that this act is immediately necessary to ensure
6 school districts have additional options for managing schools and keeping
7 students and staff safe during periods of inclement weather. Therefore, an
8 emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for
9 the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become
10 effective on:

11 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

12 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
13 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
14 bill; or

15 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
16 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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