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26 <u>(a) A superintendent may delay the start time or release early a</u>
27 <u>school or schools in the school district due to emergency inclement weather</u> .
28 (b)(1) For no more than five (5) school days total per year, a
29 <u>superintendent may, due to inclement weather, either:</u> 20 (A) Palar the start of the school der wetil as later of the school der wetil
30 (A) Delay the start of the school day until as late as
31 <u>10:00 a.m.; or</u> 22 (P) Polesse students from school as continue than $1:00 \text{ m}$ m
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 gradited school day with
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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	<u>bill; or</u>
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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