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# A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1611

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5 By: Representatives Tucker, *M. Gray*

6 By: Senators *Elliott, Bond*

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE BASIC LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

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IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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CONCERNING THE BASIC LANGUAGE OF

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INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-16-104 is amended to read as follows:

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6-16-104. Basic language of instruction.

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*(a)(1)* The basic language of instruction in the public school branches

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in all the schools of the state, public and private, shall be the English

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*language only.*

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*(2) It shall not be a violation of this section for an educator*

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*to communicate with a student in the student's native language in order to*

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*facilitate the student's ability to become proficient and learn in the*

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*English language.*

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(b) It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Education, the

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Director of the Department of Career Education, and city superintendents to

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see that the provisions of this section are carried out.

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~~(c) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be~~

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~~guilty of a violation and upon conviction shall be fined not to exceed~~

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~~twenty five dollars (\$25.00), payable into the general school fund of the~~

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~~county.~~

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~~(d) Each day this violation occurs shall be considered a separate~~



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*/s/Tucker*

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