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A Bill

SENATE BILL 711

4
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6 By: Representative Cheatham

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO STUDY THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF
10 AN EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 TO STUDY THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES
15 OF AN EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR.

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

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20 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY.

21 (a) Before the state decides whether or not to formally adopt an
22 extended school year policy, it is imperative that the advantages and
23 disadvantages of an extended school year be studied.

24 (b) The interim Senate Committee on Education and the interim House
25 Committee on Education shall jointly study issues relevant to the adoption of
26 an extended school year and report the committees' findings to the President
27 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives not
28 later than October 1, 2012.

29 (c) The study of an extended school year shall consider, without
30 limitation, the:

- 31 (1) Impact on teachers and other school personnel;
32 (2) Cost to the state and school districts;
33 (3) Facility needs;
34 (4) Impact on the tourism and hospitality industry;
35 (5) Curriculum and instruction;
36 (6) Testing cycles;



1 (7) Expansion of the current curriculum requirements and the
2 time required to meet those requirements;

3 (8) Current programs utilized in public schools that do not
4 directly contribute to student learning outcomes;

5 (9) Efficiencies that could be applied to financially support
6 extended learning time;

7 (10) Impact of allowing flexibility in rearranging school days
8 on student learning;

9 (11) Increased accountability placed on public schools;

10 (12) Impact of the Common Core Standards; and

11 (13) Comparison of instructional time with other industrialized
12 nations.

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