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HOUSE BILL 1457

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5 By: Representatives C. Douglas, Hammer

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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND AN OPEN-  
9 ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TO DEVELOP A PLAN  
10 FOR THE USE OF AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF INSTRUCTION  
11 TO BE USED ON DAYS WHEN SCHOOL IS CANCELLED; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.

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

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*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-10-127 is amended to read as follows:*

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*6-10-127. Making up missed school days.*

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*(a) If a superintendent ~~cancels~~ closes school for a regularly  
28 scheduled school day due to exceptional or emergency circumstances such as a  
29 contagious disease outbreak, inclement weather, or other acts of God, the  
30 superintendent ~~can~~ may make up missed school days by adding time to the  
31 beginning or ending of a regular school day for a minimum of sixty (60)  
32 minutes.*

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*(b)(1) The Commissioner of Education may grant up to the equivalent of  
34 ten (10) student attendance days for public school districts that have an  
35 alternative instruction plan approved by the commissioner for the use of  
36 alternative methods of instruction, including without limitation virtual*



1 learning, on days when the public school district is closed due to  
2 exceptional or emergency circumstances such as:

3 (A) A contagious disease outbreak, inclement weather, or  
4 other acts of God; or

5 (B) A utility outage.

6 (2) The public school district's alternative instruction plan  
7 shall demonstrate how teaching and learning in the public school district  
8 will not be negatively impacted by the use of alternative methods of  
9 instruction under subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

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