

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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As Engrossed: S2/26/09

A Bill

SENATE BILL 226

5 By: Senator Broadway  
6 By: Representatives T. Rogers, Nix, Saunders  
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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A COMMON SPRING BREAK FOR ALL  
11 ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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13 **Subtitle**

14 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A COMMON SPRING  
15 BREAK FOR ALL ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-10-106(d), concerning uniform dates for  
21 the school year, is amended to read as follows:

22 (d)(1) For school years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011, each public school  
23 district that provides a week-long holiday for spring break shall schedule  
24 the spring break holiday for five (5) consecutive school days beginning on  
25 the Monday of the thirty-eighth week of the school year.

26 (2) The thirty-eighth week of the school year shall be  
27 calculated by counting as week one the first week in July that begins on a  
28 Sunday.

29 (3) Nothing in this subsection (d) shall prevent a public school  
30 district from providing fewer than five (5) consecutive school days for the  
31 spring break holiday to comply with department's requirement for a minimum  
32 number of days for student attendance under the Standards for Accreditation  
33 of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.

34 (4)(A) There is created an advisory committee to review the  
35 impact of this subsection (d) during the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years



1 on the coordination of academic, extracurricular, and athletic school  
2 activities, and on state tourism.

3 (B) The advisory committee shall be composed of eight (8)  
4 members, as follows:

5 (i) The Commissioner of Education or his or her  
6 designee;

7 (ii) The Director of the Department of Higher  
8 Education or his or her designee;

9 (iii) The Director of the Department of Parks and  
10 Tourism or his or her designee;

11 (iv) The Executive Director of the Arkansas  
12 Hospitality Association or his or her designee;

13 (v) The Executive Director of the Arkansas  
14 Activities Association or his or her designee;

15 (vi) The Executive Director of the Arkansas  
16 Association of Educational Administrators or his or her designee;

17 (vii) The Executive Director of the Arkansas  
18 Education Association or his or her designee; and

19 (viii) The Executive Director of the Arkansas School  
20 Boards Association or his or her designee.

21 (C) The commissioner or his designee shall serve as chair  
22 of the advisory committee.

23 (D) The advisory committee shall meet upon the call of the  
24 chair but at least annually at a location designated by the chair.

25 (E) By August 1, 2010, and by August 1, 2011, the advisory  
26 committee shall report to the Senate Committee on Education and the House  
27 Committee on Education any findings and recommendations of the advisory  
28 committee for the impact of this section on the coordination of academic,  
29 extracurricular, and athletic school activities, and on state tourism.

30 (F) The advisory committee's work shall end upon the  
31 filing of the August 1, 2011, report, unless the Senate Committee on  
32 Education or the House Committee on Education requests further study by the  
33 advisory committee.

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35 ~~(d)~~(e) ~~No other~~ The department shall not grant a waiver from the  
36 requirements of this section shall be granted unless this section

1 specifically authorizes the waiver.

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