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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1237

TO AMEND THE SCHOOL START DATE; TO ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS TO ELECT TO IMPLEMENT AN ALTERNATE SCHOOL CALENDAR; AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF A SCHOOL DAY.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1237

Amend House Bill No. 1237 as originally introduced:

Page 4, delete SECTIONS 4 and 5 in their entirety, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-16-102(a)(1)-(3), concerning the definition of "school day", are amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) ~~As~~ Except as provided under subdivision (a)(1)(B) of this section, as used in this section, "school day" shall mean a day in which classes are in session and students receive at least six (6) hours of instructional time.

(B) However, "school day" for purposes of a public school district that implements an alternate school calendar under § 6-10-106(g) means a day in which classes are in session and students are under the guidance and direction of a teacher or public school employee.

(2)(A) Any day in which less than six (6) hours of instructional time are provided to students shall be counted as one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of a school day if at least three (3) hours of instructional time are provided to students.

(B) However, subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section shall not apply to a public school district that implements an alternate school calendar under § 6-10-106(g).

(3)(A) Any day in which less than three (3) hours of instructional time are provided to students shall not be counted as any part of a school day.

(B) However, subdivision (a)(3)(A) of this section shall not apply to a public school district that implements an alternate school calendar under § 6-10-106(g).

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-16-102(c), concerning planned instructional time during a school day, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) A school district is deemed to have fulfilled the requirements of subsection (a) of this section if the planned instructional time in each



school day does not average less than six (6) hours each day or thirty (30) hours each week.

(2) However, subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall not apply to a public school district that implements an alternate school calendar under § 6-10-106(g)."

The Amendment was read _____

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