

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-121

2 State of Arkansas

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3 90th General Assembly

A Bill

4 Regular Session, 2015

HOUSE BILL 1596

5
6 By: Representative C. Douglas

7 Filed with: House Committee on Education
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE UP TO TEN
11 (10) LEGISLATIVE DAYS PER SCHOOL YEAR PER SCHOOL
12 DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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16 TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE
17 UP TO TEN (10) LEGISLATIVE DAYS PER
18 SCHOOL YEAR PER SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 1, is amended
24 to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 6-17-120. Legislative days.

26 (a) The purpose of this section is to improve the communication
27 between the General Assembly and licensed teachers working in public school
28 classrooms.

29 (b) A school district shall provide no less than five (5) and up to
30 ten (10) legislative days per school year per school district to allow a
31 licensed teacher to attend meetings of the House Committee on Education or
32 the Senate Committee on Education that are held during a legislative session
33 or during the interim.

34 (c)(1)(A) A licensed teacher may submit a request to the school
35 district's personnel policy committee to use one (1) of the school district's

1 legislative days, and the personnel policy committee shall submit its
2 recommendation for approval or denial of the request to the school principal.

3 (B) If a school district does not have a personnel policy
4 committee, the licensed teacher may submit a request to the school principal.

5 (2) If a request is approved, a licensed teacher shall be
6 compensated for mileage and meals for attending a legislative day at a rate
7 adopted by the school district board of directors.

8 (d) A school district may use funds allocated in the budget for school
9 business days or other available funds for legislative days.

10 (e) A licensed teacher shall report on his or her legislative day
11 experience to the school principal upon return.

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