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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1094

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5 By: Representative Young

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO INITIATE  
10 AND MAINTAIN FOUR-DAY SCHOOL WEEKS SO LONG AS PLANNED  
11 INSTRUCTIONAL TIME IS IN ACCORD WITH REQUIREMENTS  
12 ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

16 "TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO  
17 INITIATE AND MAINTAIN FOUR-DAY SCHOOL  
18 WEEKS SO LONG AS PLANNED INSTRUCTIONAL  
19 TIME IS IN ACCORD WITH STATE BOARD OF  
20 EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS."

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

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24 SECTION 1. (a) It is found and determined by the General Assembly that  
25 granting local school districts greater flexibility in scheduling  
26 instructional time can reap educational benefits for the students and  
27 financial rewards for the districts. It is the intent of this act to  
28 authorize local school districts to initiate and maintain public school  
29 educational programs on a four-day school week basis, so long as planned  
30 instructional time is in accord with requirements established by the State  
31 Board of Education.

32 (b) As used in this act, "four-day school week" means an educational  
33 program in which all students attend school for four (4) days a week but no  
34 fewer than the total number of hours required by the Arkansas Standards for  
35 Accreditation in a five-day school week.

36 (c) The board of directors of any school district is authorized to

1 initiate and maintain a four-day school week in any or all of the public  
 2 schools in the district.

3       (d) The State Board of Education shall establish appropriate standards,  
 4 guidelines, rules, and regulations for the determination of average daily  
 5 membership of school districts and for the distribution of state aid to each  
 6 local school district that elects to operate any or all of the public schools  
 7 of such district on a four-day week basis, to provide such district with an  
 8 equitable share of such aid funds designated to equate a four-day school week  
 9 operation by such district to the educational opportunities provided by a  
 10 district offering a five-day school week. Provided, however, that a school  
 11 district shall not receive any more state financial aid for offering a four-  
 12 day school week of instruction than it would have received for offering a  
 13 five-day week of instruction.

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15       SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
 16 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
 17 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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19       SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
 20 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
 21 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
 22 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
 23 act are declared to be severable.

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25       SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
 26 hereby repealed.

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