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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1550

5 By: Representative Madison and Thicksten
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE [§] 6-18-213 PERTAINING TO
10 FILING QUARTERLY PUPIL ATTENDANCE REPORTS; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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14 "TO AMEND A.C.A. [§] 6-18-213 PERTAINING TO
15 FILING QUARTERLY PUPIL ATTENDANCE
16 REPORTS."
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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 [§] 6-18-213 is amended to read as follows:

21 "[§] 6-18-213. Attendance records and reports generally.

22 (a)(1) A record of pupil attendance shall be kept by each school
23 district of the state on forms provided by the Department of Education or on
24 forms approved by the Director of General Education and the Director of
25 Vocational and Technical Education as being suitable for the intended
26 purposes.

27 (2) This basic record, showing the daily attendance or absence of
28 each student for the school year, shall be kept in ink by a teacher or other
29 officially designated person who visually notes the physical presence or
30 absence of each student on a daily basis.

31 (3) The attendance for resident and nonresident students shall be
32 kept separately.

33 (4) The basic attendance records of each district shall be kept on
34 file in the district for a period of three (3) years and shall be audited by
35 the Department of Education at least one (1) time in any given three-year
36 period.

1 (b) The official reporting period for attendance shall be quarterly ~~or~~
2 ~~each nine (9) weeks~~ with the actual number of days counted in each period to
3 be not less than forty (40) nor more than fifty (50).

4 (c) Each school district in the state shall file a report on its
5 attendance for each quarterly period with ~~the office of the county board of~~
6 ~~education and~~ the Department of Education within fifteen (15) days after the
7 end of any quarterly period.

8 (d) The attendance in each of the school districts of the state as
9 reflected by the combined reports for the first three (3) quarters of the
10 school year shall be the official data used in computing Minimum Foundation
11 Program Aid and Transportation Aid for the following year.

12 (e) Any district which fails to file, by April 15 of any given year,
13 reports for the first three (3) quarters of that year, as required by
14 subsection (c) of this section, shall have the remainder of its Minimum
15 Foundation Program Aid withheld, beginning with the April allotment, and
16 placed in escrow to be released when such reports are received.

17 (f) The State Board of Education shall develop such forms and shall
18 promulgate such rules, regulations, and procedures as may be required to
19 implement the intent of this section.

20 (g) Nothing in this section shall be construed as relieving school
21 districts from any requirement for filing annual or other reports, except
22 monthly attendance reports, with the office of the county board of education."

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

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27 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
28 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
29 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
30 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
31 act are declared to be severable.

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

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36 /s/Rep. Madison, et al

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