

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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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2670

5 By: Representative Pickett  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO RESTRICT THE USE OF BLOCK SCHEDULING IN  
10 ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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13 AN ACT TO RESTRICT THE USE OF BLOCK  
14 SCHEDULING IN ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 4 is amended  
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 6-15-441. Use of block scheduling while in school improvement.

22 (a) A public school that has been identified as being in school  
23 improvement shall not change from traditional scheduling to block scheduling  
24 unless:

25 (1) The Department of Education reviews the impact of the use of  
26 block scheduling on student achievement at the public school and recommends  
27 its use; and

28 (2) The Commissioner of Education approves the use, based on the  
29 department's recommendation.

30 (b)(1) If a public school uses block scheduling at the time it is  
31 identified as being in school improvement, the department shall review the  
32 use of block scheduling in the public school's first year of school  
33 improvement to determine whether block scheduling contributes to the reasons  
34 the public school is identified as being in school improvement.

35 (2) If the department determines that the use of block  
36 scheduling is a contributing factor to the school improvement status of the



1 public school, the department shall require the public school to:  
2 (A) Discontinue using block scheduling; or  
3 (B) Include in a revised comprehensive school improvement  
4 plan the public school's plan for improving teaching methods used with block  
5 scheduling.

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7 /s/ Pickett  
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