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.

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H2/18/09		
2	87th General Assembly	A Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2009		HOUSE BILL 1273	
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5	By: Representatives Blount, Allen, T. Baker, Cash, Davis, Hardy, House, Hoyt, W. Lewellen, J.			
6	Roebuck, Shelby, Stewart, Pierce			
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9	For An Act To Be Entitled			
10	AN ACT TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM FOR MOBILE			
11	LEARNING TECHNOLOGY IN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS;			
12	AND FOR OTH	IER PURPOSES.		
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15	TO CREAT	E A PILOT PROGRAM FOR MOBILE		
16	LEARNING	TECHNOLOGY IN PUBLIC SCHOOL		
17	DISTRICT	'S.		
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENE	RAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF	ARKANSAS:	
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22		s Code Title 6, Chapter 19, S	Subchapter 1, is amended	
23	to add an additional section to read as follows:			
24		earning Technology Pilot Prop	gram.	
25		sembly finds that:		
26	(1) In rural	areas of the state, public s	school students may	
27	spend hours of unproductive	ve time on the school bus be:	ing transported to and	
28	<pre>from school;</pre>			
29	(2) The state	e has a critical need to inc	rease its workforce in	
30	the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics for national			
31	and global economic competitiveness;			
32	(3) Long, unproductive bus commutes are transformed into			
33	productive learning environments in the fields of mathematics and science			
34	through the use of mobile learning technology and the accompanying			
35	personalized learning expe	eriences; and		
36	(4) A statew	ide pilot program using mobil	le learning technology	

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1	will develop untapped talent for the science, technology, engineering, and		
2	mathematics workforce.		
3	(b)(1) The Mobile Learning Technology Pilot Program is created as a		
4	three-year pilot program to provide the mobile learning technology under this		
5	section to a total of twenty-five (25) public school districts.		
6	(2) Each congressional district in the state shall have at least		
7	five (5) public school districts participating in the pilot program.		
8	(c) The Department of Education shall begin the pilot program with the		
9	2010-2011 school year and continue the pilot program through the end of the		
10	2012-2013 school year.		
11	(d) Each public school district participating in the pilot program		
12	shall receive the following technology:		
13	(1) Three (3) school buses equipped with wireless Internet		
14	<pre>service;</pre>		
15	(2) Fifteen (15) laptop computers;		
16	(3) Forty (40) portable devices for storing video files;		
17	(4) Two (2) sets of media screens; and		
18	(5) Math and science software for use with the laptop computers		
19	and video portable devices for storing video files.		
20	(e) The pilot program also shall provide:		
21	(1) For each public school district participating in the pilot		
22	program, a community classroom teacher who is available for student questions		
23	and meets with pilot students weekly in a community classroom environment;		
24	(2) Partnerships with institutions of higher education, the		
25	school district community, and corporate entities that will expose the pilot		
26	students to careers and professionals in the fields of science, technology,		
27	engineering, and mathematics;		
28	(3) Measurements of specified outcomes, including without		
29	<pre>limitation:</pre>		
30	(A) The number and types of courses completed by pilot		
31	students;		
32	(B) The number and types of Advanced Placement courses		
33	completed by the pilot students, and the Advanced Placement examination		
34	scores; and		
35	(C) The results of Arkansas benchmark assessments for the		
36	pilot students;		

1	(4) A comparison of the state benchmark assessments in prior and		
2	non-pilot public school districts; and		
3	(5) A survey of the pilot students' interests in careers and		
4	courses of study in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields		
5	(f) As funds are appropriated and available, the department may hire		
6	consultants or experts with the knowledge of and appropriate experience with		
7	mobile learning technology for use on school buses as well as other		
8	qualifications established by the department.		
9	(g)(1) At the end of the three-year period, the department, or its		
10	consultants or experts, shall prepare an evaluation of the pilot program and		
11	report on the evaluation to the House Committee on Education and to the		
12	Senate Committee on Education.		
13	(2) Consultants or experts hired by the department shall be		
14	available to answer questions or provide information as requested by the		
15	House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.		
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