

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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As Engrossed: S2/26/09

A Bill

SENATE BILL 226

5 By: Senator Broadway
6 By: Representatives T. Rogers, Nix, *Saunders*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A COMMON SPRING BREAK FOR ALL
11 ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A COMMON SPRING
15 BREAK FOR ALL ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
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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 § 6-10-106(d), concerning uniform dates for
21 the school year, is amended to read as follows:

22 (d)(1) For school years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011, each public school
23 district that provides a week-long holiday for spring break shall schedule
24 the spring break holiday for five (5) consecutive school days beginning on
25 the Monday of the thirty-eighth week of the school year.

26 (2) The thirty-eighth week of the school year shall be
27 calculated by counting as week one the first week in July that begins on a
28 Sunday.

29 (3) Nothing in this subsection (d) shall prevent a public school
30 district from providing fewer than five (5) consecutive school days for the
31 spring break holiday to comply with department's requirement for a minimum
32 number of days for student attendance under the Standards for Accreditation
33 of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.

34 (4)(A) There is created an advisory committee to review the
35 impact of this subsection (d) during the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years
36 on the coordination of academic, extracurricular, and athletic school



1 activities, and on state tourism.

2 (B) The advisory committee shall be composed of eight (8)
3 members, as follows:

4 (i) The Commissioner of Education or his or her
5 designee;

6 (ii) The Director of the Department of Higher
7 Education or his or her designee;

8 (iii) The Director of the Department of Parks and
9 Tourism or his or her designee;

10 (iv) The Executive Director of the Arkansas
11 Hospitality Association or his or her designee;

12 (v) The Executive Director of the Arkansas
13 Activities Association or his or her designee;

14 (vi) The Executive Director of the Arkansas
15 Association of Educational Administrators or his or her designee;

16 (vii) The Executive Director of the Arkansas
17 Education Association or his or her designee; and

18 (viii) The Executive Director of the Arkansas School
19 Boards Association or his or her designee.

20 (C) The commissioner or his designee shall serve as chair
21 of the advisory committee.

22 (D) The advisory committee shall meet upon the call of the
23 chair but at least annually at a location designated by the chair.

24 (E) By August 1, 2010, and by August 1, 2011, the advisory
25 committee shall report to the Senate Committee on Education and the House
26 Committee on Education any findings and recommendations of the advisory
27 committee for the impact of this section on the coordination of academic,
28 extracurricular, and athletic school activities, and on state tourism.

29 (F) The advisory committee's work shall end upon the
30 filing of the August 1, 2011, report, unless the Senate Committee on
31 Education or the House Committee on Education requests further study by the
32 advisory committee.

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34 ~~(d)~~(e) No other The department shall not grant a waiver from the
35 requirements of this section shall be granted unless this section
36 specifically authorizes the waiver.

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