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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO EXTEND THE LAW CONCERNING COMMON SPRING
9 BREAK FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS; TO EXTEND THE TERM AND
10 DUTIES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COMMON SPRING
11 BREAK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO EXTEND THE LAW CONCERNING COMMON
15 SPRING BREAK FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TO
16 EXTEND THE TERM AND DUTIES OF THE
17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COMMON SPRING
18 BREAK.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-10-106(d), concerning a common week of
25 spring break for public schools, is amended to read as follows:

26 (d)(1) For school years ~~2009-2010 and 2010-2011~~ 2011-2012 and 2012-
27 2013, each public school district that provides a week-long holiday for
28 spring break shall schedule the spring break holiday for five (5) consecutive
29 school days beginning on the Monday of the thirty-eighth week of the school
30 year.

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

34 (3) Nothing in this subsection (d) shall prevent a public school
35 district from providing fewer than five (5) consecutive school days for the
36 spring break holiday to comply with the department's requirement for a



1 minimum number of days for student attendance under the Standards for
2 Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.

3 (4)(A) There is created an advisory committee to review the
4 impact of this subsection (d) during the ~~2009-2010 and 2010-2011~~ 2011-2012
5 and 2012-2013 school years on the coordination of academic, extracurricular,
6 and athletic school activities, and on state tourism.

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

9 (i) The Commissioner of Education or his or her
10 designee;

11 (ii) The Director of the Department of Higher
12 Education or his or her designee;

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (C) The commissioner or his or her designee shall serve as
26 chair of the advisory committee.

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

29 (E) By ~~August 1, 2010, and by August 1, 2011~~ August 1,
30 2012 and August 1, 2013, the advisory committee shall report to the Senate
31 Committee on Education and the House Committee on Education any findings and
32 recommendations of the advisory committee for the impact of this section on
33 the coordination of academic, extracurricular, and athletic school
34 activities, and on state tourism.

35 (F) The advisory committee's work shall end upon the
36 filing of the ~~August 1, 2011~~ August 1, 2013, report unless the Senate

1 Committee on Education or the House Committee on Education requests further
2 study by the advisory committee.

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