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2 90th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1272

4
5 By: Representative Harris

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO RECOGNIZE AND
9 EDUCATE STUDENTS ON TRADITIONAL WINTER CELEBRATIONS;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO RECOGNIZE
15 AND EDUCATE STUDENTS ON TRADITIONAL
16 WINTER CELEBRATIONS.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 10, Subchapter 1, is amended
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 6-10-126. Winter celebrations.

24 (a) A school district may educate students about the history of
25 traditional winter celebrations and allow students and school district staff
26 to offer traditional greetings regarding the celebrations, including:

27 (1) Merry Christmas;

28 (2) Happy Hanukkah; and

29 (3) Happy Holidays.

30 (b) Except as provided under subsection (c) of this section, a school
31 district may display on school property scenes or symbols associated with a
32 traditional winter celebration, including a menorah or Christmas image, if
33 the display includes a scene or symbol of:

34 (1) More than one (1) religion; or

35 (2) One (1) religion and a secular scene or symbol.

36 (c) A display related to a traditional winter celebration may not



1 include a message that encourages adherence to a particular religious belief.

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