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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1272

5 By: Representatives Harris, Bentley, Boyd, Deffenbaugh, Dotson, C. Douglas, Farrer, Holcomb, Lemons,  
6 Lundstrum, Miller, Payton, Richmond, Scott, Speaks, Womack  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

15 TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO RECOGNIZE  
16 AND EDUCATE STUDENTS ON TRADITIONAL  
17 WINTER CELEBRATIONS.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 10, Subchapter 1, is amended  
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 6-10-126. Winter celebrations.

25 (a) A school district may educate students about the history of  
26 traditional winter celebrations and allow students and school district staff  
27 to offer traditional greetings regarding the celebrations, including without  
28 limitation:

29 (1) Merry Christmas;

30 (2) Happy Hanukkah; and

31 (3) Happy Holidays.

32 (b) Except as provided under subsection (c) of this section, a school  
33 district may allow the private display on school property of scenes or  
34 symbols associated with a traditional winter celebration, including without  
35 limitation, a menorah or Christmas image, if the display includes a scene or  
36 symbol of:



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- (1) More than one (1) religion; or
- (2) One (1) religion and a secular scene or symbol.

(c) School district education regarding the history of traditional winter celebrations, school district offerings of traditional greetings regarding the celebrations, and displays related to traditional winter celebrations may not include a message that encourages adherence to a particular religious belief.

/s/Harris