1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H3/4/15	
2	89th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	First Extraordinary Session, 2	2013	HOUSE BILL 1273
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5	By: Representative Harris		
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7	For An Act To Be Entitled		
8	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE VOLUNTARY STUDENT		
9	EXPRESSION OF RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL		
10	DISTRICT;	AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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14		ROVIDE FOR THE VOLUNTARY STUDENT	
15	EXPR	ESSION OF RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS IN	A
16	PUBL	IC SCHOOL DISTRICT.	
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19	BE IT ENACTED BY THE (GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF A	RKANSAS:
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21		ansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Su	bchapter l, is amended
22		section to read as follows:	
23		ent religious liberties.	
24	(a) A public so	chool district shall not:	
25		riminate against a student or a pa	
26		ent's religious viewpoint or relig	_
27		ibit a student from expressing a re	
28		's coursework, artwork, or other w	<u>ritten or oral</u>
29	assignments.		
30		chool district shall:	
31		w a student to voluntarily express	
32	in his or her coursework, artwork, and other written or oral assignments; and		
33	(2) Evaluate the coursework, artwork, or assignment according to		
34	ordinary academic standards, relevance to the assignment, and whether or not		
35	the coursework, artwo	rk, or assignment meets the requir	ements of the assigned
36	task.		

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1	(c) A student in a public school may:		
2	(1) Voluntarily express a religious viewpoint in his or her		
3	coursework, artwork, or other written or oral assignments;		
4	(2) Organize, attend, and participate in prayer groups,		
5	religious clubs, or religious gatherings under § 6-21-201 et seq.; and		
6	(3) Wear clothing, accessories, or jewelry associated with a		
7	sincerely held religious belief and that complies with the school uniform		
8	policy, if applicable, under § 6-18-102.		
9	(d) A public school may take an action contrary to this section if the		
10	public school documents a circumstance that:		
11	(1) Causes a material and substantial disruption to a class or		
12	school activity; or		
13	(2) Constitutes infringement on the rights of other students.		
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