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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1596

5 By: Representative C. Douglas
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE UP TO TEN
9 (10) LEGISLATIVE DAYS PER SCHOOL YEAR PER SCHOOL
10 DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE
15 UP TO TEN (10) LEGISLATIVE DAYS PER
16 SCHOOL YEAR PER SCHOOL DISTRICT.
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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 17, Subchapter 1, is amended
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

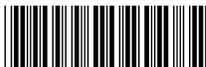
23 6-17-120. Legislative days.

24 (a) The purpose of this section is to improve the communication
25 between the General Assembly and licensed teachers working in public school
26 classrooms.

27 (b) A school district shall provide no less than five (5) and up to
28 ten (10) legislative days per school year per school district to allow a
29 licensed teacher to attend meetings of the House Committee on Education or
30 the Senate Committee on Education that are held during a legislative session
31 or during the interim.

32 (c)(1)(A) A licensed teacher may submit a request to the school
33 district's personnel policy committee to use one (1) of the school district's
34 legislative days, and the personnel policy committee shall submit its
35 recommendation for approval or denial of the request to the school principal.

36 (B) If a school district does not have a personnel policy



1 committee, the licensed teacher may submit a request to the school principal.

2 (2) If a request is approved, a licensed teacher shall be
3 compensated for mileage and meals for attending a legislative day at a rate
4 adopted by the school district board of directors.

5 (d) A school district may use funds allocated in the budget for school
6 business days or other available funds for legislative days.

7 (e) A licensed teacher shall report on his or her legislative day
8 experience to the school principal upon return.

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