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A Bill

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5 By: Representatives Richardson, McCullough, Scott
6 By: Senator Elliott
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE INTRASTATE DISTRICT EXCHANGE
10 EXPERIENCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO CREATE INTRASTATE DISTRICT EXCHANGE
15 EXPERIENCES.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended
21 to add an additional section to read as follows:

22 6-16-151. Intrastate district exchange experience.

23 (a) The purpose of this section is to create opportunities for public
24 school and open-enrollment public charter school students and teachers to
25 study a variety of topics surrounding school and community life in other
26 communities through an intrastate district exchange experience.

27 (b) A public school and an open-enrollment public charter school
28 shall offer to public school and open-enrollment public charter school
29 students and teachers the opportunity to participate in an intrastate
30 district exchange experience under this section.

31 (c) An intrastate district exchange experience under this section
32 shall:

33 (1) Last for at least one (1) week but no longer than two (2)
34 weeks;

35 (2) Include without limitation studies that cover the following
36 topics:



- 1 (A) Academics;
- 2 (B) Culture;
- 3 (C) History;
- 4 (D) Social conditions; and
- 5 (E) Economic conditions;

6 (3) Be scheduled in accordance with agreements made by the
 7 participating public schools and open-enrollment public charter schools; and

8 (4) Incorporate aspects of the community in which the public
 9 school or open-enrollment public charter school is located in order to
 10 provide opportunities for the public school and open-enrollment public
 11 charter school students and teachers who are participating in the intrastate
 12 district exchange experience under this section.

13 (d) A public school student who participates in an intrastate district
 14 exchange experience under this section shall:

15 (1)(A) Complete and submit a capstone project at the conclusion
 16 of the intrastate district exchange experience.

17 (B) A capstone project required under subdivision
 18 (d)(1)(A) of this section shall be designed and adopted by each public school
 19 or open-enrollment public charter school in accordance with the Department of
 20 Education’s standards for an intrastate district exchange experience under
 21 this section;

22 (2) Not be considered absent during the days in which the
 23 student is participating in the intrastate district exchange experience;

24 (3) Earn credit for his or her participation in the intrastate
 25 district exchange experience under this section; and

26 (4) Obtain permission from his or her parent or legal guardian
 27 to participate in the intrastate district exchange experience.

28 (e) A public school or an open-enrollment public charter school shall
 29 be responsible for the payment of a substitute when a public school or open-
 30 enrollment public charter school teacher is participating in an intrastate
 31 district exchange experience under this section.

32 (f) A public school or open-enrollment public charter school student
 33 or teacher participating in an intrastate district exchange experience under
 34 this section shall stay in a public, commercial establishment during the
 35 course of the intrastate district exchange experience.

36 (g) A private entity may participate in the funding of intrastate

1 district exchange experiences under this section, including without
2 limitation by making in-kind donations.

3 (h)(1) The department shall promulgate rules necessary to implement
4 this section.

5 (2)(A) When adopting the initial rules to implement this
6 section, the final rules shall be filed with the Secretary of State for
7 adoption under § 25-15-204(f):

8 (i) On or before January 1, 2018; or

9 (ii) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred
10 by January 1, 2018, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

11 (B) The department shall file the proposed rule with the
12 Legislative Council under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently in advance of January 1,
13 2020, so that the Legislative Council may consider the rule for approval
14 before January 1, 2020.

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