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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1758

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

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9 AN ACT TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM REGARDING INTRASTATE  
10 DISTRICT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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15 TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM REGARDING  
16 INTRASTATE DISTRICT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES.  
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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 16, Subchapter 1, is amended  
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 6-16-151. Intrastate district exchange experience.

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

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

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

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

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



1 topics:

2 (A) Academics;

3 (B) Culture;

4 (C) History;

5 (D) Social conditions; and

6 (E) Economic conditions;

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

9 (4) Ensure that participating public schools and open-enrollment  
10 public charter schools develop a course of study that:

11 (A) Incorporates aspects of the community in which the  
12 participating public schools and open-enrollment public charter schools are  
13 located; and

14 (B) Is approved by the Department of Education.

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (f) A public school or open-enrollment public charter school student  
30 or teacher participating in an intrastate district exchange experience under  
31 this section shall be housed in public school district-approved facilities  
32 during the course of the intrastate district exchange experience.

33 (g) A private entity or an individual may participate in the funding  
34 of intrastate district exchange experiences under this section, including  
35 without limitation by making in-kind donations.

36 (h)(1) The department shall promulgate rules necessary to implement

1 this section.

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

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

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

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

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