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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 384

5 By: Senators D. Wallace, L. Chesterfield  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE  
10 INSTRUCTION ON ADOPTION AWARENESS; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE  
16 INSTRUCTION ON ADOPTION AWARENESS.  
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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 6-16-156. Adoption awareness education – Instruction required.

24 (a)(1) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, each public school in  
25 the state shall provide instruction on adoption awareness to students  
26 enrolled in grades six through twelve (6-12) at the public school for a  
27 period of time not to exceed one (1) hour during each school year.

28 (2)(A) A public school shall provide the one (1) hour of  
29 adoption awareness instruction required under subdivision (a)(1) of this  
30 section at the beginning of each school year.

31 (B) A public school may require that the adoption  
32 awareness instruction required under subdivision (a)(1) of this section is  
33 provided:

34 (i) During a regular class period; or

35 (ii) At a special event organized for purposes of  
36 providing the required adoption awareness instruction.



