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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1099

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5 By: Representatives Lenderman, Ratliff, B. Wilkins

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 TO ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS FLEXIBILITY IN
9 SCHOOL START DATES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

13 TO ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS
14 FLEXIBILITY IN SCHOOL START DATES.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-10-106(a)(1), concerning the dates for
20 the beginning of the school year, is amended to read as follows:

21 (a)(1)(A) In each school year, the first day of the school year for
22 student attendance in the public elementary and secondary schools of the
23 State of Arkansas shall begin:

24 (i) ~~no earlier than~~ On or after the Monday of the
25 week in which August 19 falls;

26 (ii) Not earlier than August 14; and

27 (iii) ~~no~~ Not later than August 26.

28 (B) ~~If, however, August 18 falls on a Monday, school may~~
29 ~~begin on that date.~~ The date for beginning the school year shall be
30 determined by the board of directors of the school district.

31 (C) Labor Day shall be celebrated as a school holiday in
32 all the school districts of the state, and school shall not be held on that
33 date.

