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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1134

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6 Douglas, Farrer, Gillam, Gossage, Lampkin, Lea, Lenderman, Linck, McLean, Shepherd, Slinkard, Vines
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE SPRING BREAK
11 HOLIDAY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE SPRING
16 BREAK HOLIDAY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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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 § 6-10-106(d), concerning the common spring
22 break for public schools, is amended to read as follows:

23 (d)(1) ~~For school years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, each~~ A public school
24 district that provides a week-long holiday for spring break shall schedule
25 the spring break holiday for five (5) consecutive school days beginning on
26 the Monday of the thirty-eighth week of the school year.

27 (2) The thirty-eighth week of the school year shall be
28 calculated by counting as week one the first week in July that begins on a
29 Sunday.

30 (3) Nothing in this subsection (d) shall prevent a public school
31 district from providing fewer than five (5) consecutive school days for the
32 spring break holiday to comply with the department's requirement for a
33 minimum number of days for student attendance under the Standards for
34 Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.

35 ~~(4)(A) There is created an advisory committee to review the~~
36 ~~impact of this subsection (d) during the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years~~



1 ~~on the coordination of academic, extracurricular, and athletic school~~
 2 ~~activities and on state tourism.~~

3 ~~(B) The advisory committee shall be composed of eight (8)~~
 4 ~~members, as follows:~~

5 ~~(i) The Commissioner of Education or his or her~~
 6 ~~designee;~~

7 ~~(ii) The Director of the Department of Higher~~
 8 ~~Education or his or her designee;~~

9 ~~(iii) The Director of the Department of Parks and~~
 10 ~~Tourism or his or her designee;~~

11 ~~(iv) The Executive Director of the Arkansas~~
 12 ~~Hospitality Association or his or her designee;~~

13 ~~(v) The Executive Director of the Arkansas~~
 14 ~~Activities Association or his or her designee;~~

15 ~~(vi) The Executive Director of the Arkansas~~
 16 ~~Association of Educational Administrators or his or her designee;~~

17 ~~(vii) The Executive Director of the Arkansas~~
 18 ~~Education Association or his or her designee; and~~

19 ~~(viii) The Executive Director of the Arkansas School~~
 20 ~~Boards Association or his or her designee.~~

21 ~~(C) The commissioner or his or her designee shall serve as~~
 22 ~~chair of the advisory committee.~~

23 ~~(D) The advisory committee shall meet upon the call of the~~
 24 ~~chair but at least annually at a location designated by the chair.~~

25 ~~(E) By August 1, 2012, and August 1, 2013, the advisory~~
 26 ~~committee shall report to the Senate Committee on Education and the House~~
 27 ~~Committee on Education any findings and recommendations of the advisory~~
 28 ~~committee for the impact of this section on the coordination of academic,~~
 29 ~~extracurricular, and athletic school activities and on state tourism.~~

30 ~~(F) The advisory committee's work shall end upon the~~
 31 ~~filing of the August 1, 2013, report unless the Senate Committee on Education~~
 32 ~~or the House Committee on Education requests further study by the advisory~~
 33 ~~committee.~~

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