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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1313

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By: Senator Hester

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW SCHOOL DAYS TO BE MADE-UP IN SIXTY-MINUTE INCREMENTS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW SCHOOL DAYS TO BE MADE-UP IN SIXTY-MINUTE INCREMENTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 10, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-10-126. Making up missed school days.

If a superintendent cancels a regularly scheduled school day due to exceptional or emergency circumstances such as a contagious disease outbreak, inclement weather, or other acts of God, the superintendent can make up missed school days by adding time to the beginning or ending of a regular school day for a minimum of sixty (60) minutes.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that school districts need more flexibility to manage make-up school days missed due to exceptional or emergency circumstances; that we are entering the time of year when many school days are missed due to weather; and that this act is immediately



necessary to ensure that school district flexibility is in place before the end of the current school year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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