

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1611

By: Representatives Tucker, M. Gray
By: Senators Elliott, Bond

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BASIC LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION
IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE BASIC LANGUAGE OF
INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-16-104 is amended to read as follows:
6-16-104. Basic language of instruction.

(a)(1) The basic language of instruction in the public school branches in all the schools of the state, public and private, shall be the English language only.

(2) It shall not be a violation of this section for an educator to communicate with a student in the student's native language in order to facilitate the student's ability to become proficient and learn in the English language.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Education, the Director of the Department of Career Education, and city superintendents to see that the provisions of this section are carried out.

~~(c) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation and upon conviction shall be fined not to exceed twenty five dollars (\$25.00), payable into the general school fund of the county.~~

~~(d) Each day this violation occurs shall be considered a separate~~



~~offense.~~

/s/Tucker

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