

State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2268

By: Representative H. Wilkins

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OBSERVE DR.
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY AS A SCHOOL
HOLIDAY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OBSERVE DR.
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY AS A
SCHOOL HOLIDAY.

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

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

6-10-125. Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday as a school holiday.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is widely regarded as America's preeminent advocate of nonviolence and multicultural diversity; and

(2) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s accomplishments are now taught to American school children of all races, are studied worldwide, and are increasingly relevant to the progress of humankind.

(b) A public school district in this state shall observe Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday as a school holiday and shall not hold school on the third Monday in January in observance of the holiday.

