

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

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1596

By: Representative C. Douglas

### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE UP TO TEN  
(10) LEGISLATIVE DAYS PER SCHOOL YEAR PER SCHOOL  
DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### **Subtitle**

TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE  
UP TO TEN (10) LEGISLATIVE DAYS PER  
SCHOOL YEAR PER SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-17-120. Legislative days.

(a) The purpose of this section is to improve the communication between the General Assembly and licensed teachers working in public school classrooms.

(b) A school district shall provide no less than five (5) and up to ten (10) legislative days per school year per school district to allow a licensed teacher to attend meetings of the House Committee on Education or the Senate Committee on Education that are held during a legislative session or during the interim.

(c)(1)(A) A licensed teacher may submit a request to the school district's personnel policy committee to use one (1) of the school district's legislative days, and the personnel policy committee shall submit its recommendation for approval or denial of the request to the school principal.

(B) If a school district does not have a personnel policy



committee, the licensed teacher may submit a request to the school principal.

(2) If a request is approved, a licensed teacher shall be compensated for mileage and meals for attending a legislative day at a rate adopted by the school district board of directors.

(d) A school district may use funds allocated in the budget for school business days or other available funds for legislative days.

(e) A licensed teacher shall report on his or her legislative day experience to the school principal upon return.

*/s/C. Douglas*