

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1758

By: Representatives Richardson, McCullough, Scott
By: Senator Elliott

For An Act To Be Entitled

*AN ACT TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM REGARDING INTRASTATE
DISTRICT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

*TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM REGARDING
INTRASTATE DISTRICT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES.*

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-16-151. Intrastate district exchange experience.

(a) The purpose of this section is to create opportunities for public school and open-enrollment public charter school students and teachers to study a variety of topics surrounding school and community life in other communities through a two-year intrastate district exchange experience.

(b) A public school and an open-enrollment public charter school may offer to public school and open-enrollment public charter school students and teachers the opportunity to participate in an intrastate district exchange experience under this section.

(c) An intrastate district exchange experience under this section shall:

(1) Last for at least one (1) week but no longer than two (2) weeks;

(2) Include without limitation studies that cover the following



topics:

(A) Academics;

(B) Culture;

(C) History;

(D) Social conditions; and

(E) Economic conditions;

(3) Be scheduled in accordance with agreements made by the participating public schools and open-enrollment public charter schools; and

(4) Ensure that participating public schools and open-enrollment public charter schools develop a course of study that:

(A) Incorporates aspects of the community in which the participating public schools and open-enrollment public charter schools are located; and

(B) Is approved by the Department of Education.

(d) A public school student who participates in an intrastate district exchange experience under this section shall:

(1)(A) Complete and submit a capstone project at the conclusion of the intrastate district exchange experience.

(2) Not be considered absent during the days in which the student is participating in the intrastate district exchange experience;

(3) Earn credit for his or her participation in the intrastate district exchange experience under this section; and

(4) Obtain permission from his or her parent or legal guardian to participate in the intrastate district exchange experience.

(e) A public school or an open-enrollment public charter school shall be responsible for the payment of a substitute when a public school or open-enrollment public charter school teacher is participating in an intrastate district exchange experience under this section.

(f) A public school or open-enrollment public charter school student or teacher participating in an intrastate district exchange experience under this section shall be housed in public school district-approved facilities during the course of the intrastate district exchange experience.

(g) A private entity or an individual may participate in the funding of intrastate district exchange experiences under this section, including without limitation by making in-kind donations.

(h)(1) The department shall promulgate rules necessary to implement

this section.

(2)(A) When adopting the initial rules to implement this section, the final rules shall be filed with the Secretary of State for adoption under § 25-15-204(f):

(i) On or before January 1, 2018; or

(ii) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by January 1, 2018, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

(B) The department shall file the proposed rule with the Legislative Council under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently in advance of January 1, 2020, so that the Legislative Council may consider the rule for approval before January 1, 2020.

/s/Richardson