

1 State of Arkansas  
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As Engrossed: H4/6/06  
**A Bill**

Call Item 13

HOUSE BILL 1014

5 *By: Representatives Fite, J. Hutchinson, Mack, George, Norton*  
6 *By: Senators B. Johnson, Broadway*  
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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO ENSURE A GENERAL, SUITABLE, AND  
11 EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS  
12 BY ADDRESSING ISSUES RAISED BY THE ARKANSAS  
13 SUPREME COURT; TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH  
14 MORE THAN ONE (1) HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS TO OFFER  
15 CURRICULUM STANDARD REQUIREMENTS AT LESS THAN ALL  
16 CAMPUSES IF ALL CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS ARE  
17 READILY AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS AT ANOTHER CAMPUS  
18 IN THE DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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20 **Subtitle**

21 TO ENSURE A GENERAL, SUITABLE, AND  
22 EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR  
23 STUDENTS BY ADDRESSING ISSUES RAISED BY  
24 THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT TO ALLOW  
25 SCHOOL DISTRICTS MORE FLEXIBILITY TO  
26 MEET THE CURRICULUM STANDARDS.  
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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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31 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-16-103, regarding the course of study, is*  
32 *amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:*

33 *(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a*  
34 *school district that has two (2) high schools as a result of restructuring*  
35 *through consolidation or annexation and at least one (1) of which is an*  
36 *isolated school as defined under § 6-20-602(a) shall be required to teach the*



1 curriculum standard requirements for secondary public schools under the  
2 Standards of Accreditation for Arkansas Public Schools at one (1) high school  
3 but not necessarily at both high schools if the courses are readily available  
4 to students at the second high school using the following delivery methods:

5 (1) Transportation provided by the school district;

6 (2) Distance learning;

7 (3) Having a teacher on campus; or

8 (4) Having an itinerant teacher.

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10 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
11 General Assembly that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas requires the  
12 state to provide a general, suitable, and efficient system of public  
13 education for students; that the Arkansas Supreme Court has found that the  
14 public school system in Arkansas is inadequate; that course offerings that  
15 meet curriculum requirements are important for each student's academic  
16 success; and that this act is immediately necessary to allow school districts  
17 more flexibility to meet the curriculum standards by utilizing technology and  
18 other delivery methods so that all children have access to the courses of  
19 study they need for an adequate education. Therefore, an emergency is  
20 declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the  
21 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective  
22 on:

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

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

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

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30 /s/ J. Hutchinson  
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