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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1701

5 By: Representative Bentley
6 By: Senator G. Stubblefield
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW CREATIONISM AS A THEORY OF HOW THE
10 EARTH CAME TO EXIST TO BE TAUGHT IN KINDERGARTEN
11 THROUGH GRADE TWELVE CLASSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND
12 OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 TO ALLOW CREATIONISM AS A THEORY OF HOW
17 THE EARTH CAME TO EXIST TO BE TAUGHT IN
18 KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE
19 CLASSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND
20 OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended
27 to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 6-16-152. Creationism.

29 (a) A teacher of a kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) science
30 class at a public school or open-enrollment public charter school may teach
31 creationism as a theory of how the earth came to exist.

32 (b) This section is permissive and does not require a teacher to teach
33 creationism as a theory of the earth came to exist.
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