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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1701

By: Representative Bentley
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

TO ALLOW CREATIONISM AS A THEORY OF HOW
THE EARTH CAME TO EXIST TO BE TAUGHT IN
KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE
CLASSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND
OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.

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:

6-16-152. Creationism.

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

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

