

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Representative Mahony**

A BILL ACT 979 OF 1991
HOUSE BILL 1007

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN EDUCATION LAWS REVISION
9 COMMISSION; TO PRESCRIBE THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION; AND
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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14 SECTION 1. (a) During the interim following the Seventy-Eighth General
15 Assembly, an Education Laws Revision Commission shall be appointed to review
16 all state laws relating to elementary and secondary education in this state
17 and make recommendations *based upon sound educational research* regarding the
18 revision of those laws to the 1993 General Assembly. *The charge of the*
19 *Commission shall be restricted to laws which are either antiquated,*
20 *superseded, inconsistent or ambiguous.*

21 (b) The commission shall be composed of *fourteen (14)* members to be
22 appointed by the State Board of Education, unless indicated otherwise below,
23 upon recommendation of the director of the General Education Division of the
24 Department of Education.

25 (c) The membership of the commission shall be composed of the
26 following:

27 (1) One member of the Joint Interim Committee on Education from
28 the House of Representatives to be appointed by the House co-chair of the
29 committee;

30 (2) One member of the Joint Interim Committee on Education from
31 the Senate to be appointed by the Senate co-chair of the committee;

32 (3) One member of the Arkansas Code Revision Commission;

33 (4) One member of the State Board of Education;

34 (5) Two (2) attorneys not associated with an education
35 organization but who are familiar with *drafting of education legislation*;

36 (6) One representative *selected by the Arkansas Education*

1 Association; and

2 (7) One representative *selected by the Arkansas Association of*
3 *Educational Administrators;*

4 (8) One representative *selected by the Arkansas School Boards*
5 *Association.*

6 (9) *The Director of the Arkansas Department of Health or his*
7 *designee;*

8 (10) *The Director of the General Education Division of the*
9 *Department of Education or his designee;*

10 (11) *The Director of the Vocational Technical Division of the*
11 *Department of Education or his designee;*

12 (12) *The Director of the Department of Human Services or his*
13 *designee; and*

14 (13) *A representative selected by the deans of the colleges of*
15 *education of the public institutions of higher education.*

16 (d) The State Board of Education member shall serve as the chair of the
17 commission.

18 (e) Members of the commission shall be compensated at the same per diem
19 rate as members of the General Assembly attending meetings of joint interim
20 committees and shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred
21 in the performance of their duties. *Expenses of state employees serving on*
22 *the commission shall be reimbursed from funds appropriated to that agency for*
23 *such purposes.*

24 (f) *In the performance of their task, the commission shall be ever*
25 *mindful of the interest of private, parochial and home schools and religious*
26 *concerns and shall endeavor to provide meeting agendas and minutes to such*
27 *groups in an effort to provide an adequate opportunity for representatives to*
28 *appear and provide appropriate input to the commission.*

29 (g) *The full commission shall meet no more than four times.*

30 (h) The commission shall submit their final report containing
31 recommendations concerning revision of education laws of this state to the
32 Governor, the Joint Interim Committee on Education of the General Assembly,
33 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tem of the
34 Senate by October 15, 1992.

35 (i) All provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, 1992.

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SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

/s/ J. Mahony

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