ARKANSAS SENATE

84th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2003

Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 912

"TO PROVIDE FOR THE MERGER OF ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND

SCIENCES WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM."

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Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 912.

Amend Senate Bill No. 912 as originally introduced:

Add Senators Argue, Gullett, J. Jeffress, Wilkins, Bisbee, Bryles, Broadway
as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Add Representative Mathis as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, delete lines 9 through 12 and substitute the following:
"AN ACT TO EXPAND THE PURPOSE OF THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND
SCIENCE TO INCLUDE FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 15 through 17 and substitute the following:
"AN ACT TO EXPAND THE PURPOSE OF THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND
SCIENCE TO INCLUDE FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 22 through 27 and substitute the following:
    "SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-42-201(a) and (b), concerning the
establishment of the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences, is amended
to read as follows:
    (a) There is hereby established the Arkansas School for Mathematics
and Sciences, and the Arts, hereinafter "school", which shall be a
residential school for eleventh and twelfth grade students.
    (b)(1) The purposes of the school shall be to educate the gifted and
talented math, and science, and fine and performing arts students of the
state and to develop curricula and materials to improve instruction in
mathematics, and sciences, and fine and performing arts for all students in

the state. The school's curriculum, faculty, and admissions policy shall reflect those purposes.

   (2) While the emphasis of the school shall be dedicated to the academic teaching of mathematics, ~~and~~ sciences, <u>and fine and performing arts,</u> some emphasis may be placed on the arts and humanities as deemed appropriate by the board of trustees.

  SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-42-202 is amended to read as follows:
  6-42-202. Board of trustees.
  (a) The school shall be governed by a board of trustees.
  (b)(1)(A) The board of trustees shall consist of seven (7) members, with one (1) member appointed from each congressional district and the remaining members appointed at large.
    (B) The Governor shall appoint all seven (7) members of the board of trustees.
    (C) Members of the board appointed by the Governor under the provisions of this section, in addition to possessing the qualifications of an elector, shall reside in the State of Arkansas.
    (2)(A) ~~Five (5)~~ <u>Six (6)</u> ex officio nonvoting members shall also serve on the board.
    (B) The Director of the Department of Education, the Director of the Department of Higher Education, the President of the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, <u>the Director of the Department of Arkansas Heritage,</u> the president of the school's parent association, and the president of the school's student government shall serve as the ~~five (5)~~ <u>six (6)</u> ex officio, nonvoting members of the board.
  (c) Members shall serve seven-year terms.

  SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-42-201(a) is amended to read as follows:
  (a) There is hereby established <u>within the University of Arkansas System</u> the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences, hereinafter "school", which shall be a residential school for eleventh and twelfth grade students.

  SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-42-202(a) and (b)(1)(A), pertaining to the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences, are amended to read as follows:
  (a) The school shall be governed by a board of ~~trustees~~ <u>visitors but the actions of the board of visitors are subject to approval by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas</u>.
  (b)(1)(A) The board of ~~trustees~~ <u>visitors</u> shall consist of seven (7) members, with one (1) member appointed from each congressional district and the remaining members appointed at large.

  SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-42-203(a), pertaining to the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences, is amended to read as follows:
  (a) The board of ~~trustees~~ <u>visitors</u> created under § 6-42-202 is charged with the management and control of the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences <u>but the actions of the board of visitors are subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas</u>.

  SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 6-42-203(d)(1), pertaining to the Arkansas

School for Mathematics and Sciences, is amended to read as follows:
    (d)(1) The board shall employ an administrator for the school, <u>subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas,</u> who may be removed by the board or the Governor.

    SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 6-42-204(b)(3), pertaining to the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences, is amended to read as follows:
        (3) The administrator and other personnel employed for the operation of the school shall be employees of the State of Arkansas <u>and shall not be deemed to be faculty or employees of the University of Arkansas.</u>

    SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 6-42-206 is repealed.
    ~~6-42-206. Governance of school.~~
    ~~All Department of Education regulations shall apply to the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences unless the department indicates otherwise.~~

    SECTION 9. <u>(a) The Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences becomes a part of the University of Arkansas System as of the effective date of this act.</u>
        <u>(b) On the effective date of this act, the preexisting board of trustees becomes the board of visitors under Arkansas Code § 6-42-202.</u>
        <u>(c) The Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences shall remain at its current location.</u>

    SECTION 10. <u>This act becomes effective on January 1, 2004.</u>"

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____
By: Senator T. Smith
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VJF790   **Secretary**