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SENATE BILL 236

4 **By: Senators Chaffin, Malone, Edwards, C. Bell, Russ**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANN. TITLE 6, CHAPTER 42,
9 TO ADD A NEW SUBCHAPTER 2, TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS
10 SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES."

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

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15 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated is hereby amended to add the
16 following:

17 "6-42-201 (a). There is hereby established the Arkansas School for
18 Mathematics and Sciences (hereinafter 'School') which shall be a residential
19 school for eleventh and twelfth grade students. The purpose of the School
20 shall be to educate the gifted and talented math and science students of the
21 state and to develop curriculum and materials to improve instruction in
22 mathematics and science for all students in the State. The School's
23 curriculum, faculty, and admissions policy shall reflect such purposes. While
24 the emphasis of the School shall be dedicated to the academic teaching of
25 mathematics and sciences, some emphasis may be placed on the arts and
26 humanities as deemed appropriate by the *State Department of Education*
27 (*hereinafter 'Department'*).

28 (b) The School shall be located on the campus of an Arkansas
29 institution of higher education or at such other appropriate facility which
30 can provide the classrooms, laboratories, library facilities, dormitories, and
31 other services necessary for the proper operation and support of the School.
32 The School shall be funded by monies appropriated by the General Assembly for
33 the operation of the School and by such grants, contributions, or donations
34 which may be received by the *Department* for the support of the School.
35 Students selected to attend the School shall not be required to pay tuition,

1 fees, or room and board.

2 6-42-202 (a). *The School shall be governed by the Department with the*
3 *advice and counsel of a nine-member advisory Board of Directors. The Director*
4 *of the General Education Division of the Department of Education, the Director*
5 *of the Department of Higher Education, and the President of the Arkansas*
6 *Science and Technology Authority shall serve on the Advisory Board. The*
7 *remaining six members shall be appointed by the Governor. Two of the initial*
8 *appointees shall be appointed for a term of one year; two for a term of two*
9 *years; and two for a term of three years. Subsequent appointments to the*
10 *Board shall be for three year terms. No appointee to the Board shall serve*
11 *more than nine years. The Board shall annually elect a Chairman and such*
12 *other officers as the Board shall determine appropriate.*

13 (b) By March 1, 1991, the *Department* shall develop a plan for
14 structure, operation and funding of the School which shall include equitable
15 procedures for student recruitment. The *Department* shall then publish a
16 request for proposals to solicit proposals from institutions of higher
17 education or other appropriate organizations or agencies for hosting the
18 School. By July 1, 1992, the *Department* shall select a location for the
19 School to begin operation for the 1992-93 School year. If the *Department*
20 determines that the School can be more effectively and efficiently operated by
21 a longer planning and development phase, the *Department* may delay the initial
22 term of the School until the 1993-94 School year.

23 (c) The *Department* shall prepare the biennial budget request for the
24 School's operation which shall be submitted to the State Board of Education
25 for inclusion in the biennial budget request of the Department of Education
26 for funding programs from the Public School Fund.

27 6-42-203(a). *The Director of the Department of Education shall employ*
28 *an administrator for the School who shall serve at the pleasure of the*
29 *Director of the Department of Education. The Administrator shall be the chief*
30 *administrative officer of the School and shall administer the School in*
31 *accordance with the policies established by the Department.*

32 (b) The *Administrator* and other personnel employed for the operation of
33 the School shall be employees of the State of Arkansas. Faculty members and
34 other personnel required for operation of the School shall be recommended for
35 employment by the *Administrator* and shall be employed by annual contract by

1 the *Department*. Teachers and administrators so employed shall be eligible for
2 membership in the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System and earn credited service
3 for such employment. Non-educational personnel employed by the *Department*
4 shall be eligible for membership in the Public Employees Retirement System and
5 earn credited service for such employment.

6 (c) There is hereby established and authorized for the Arkansas School
7 for Mathematics and Sciences the following maximum number of employees and the
8 maximum salaries for such employees.

9 Administrator	1	\$60,000
10 Principal	1	\$45,000
11 Teachers	20	\$35,000
12 Counselors	2	\$35,000
13 Dormitory Supervisors	2	\$20,000
14 Assistant Supervisors	2	\$12,000
15 Desk Workers	4	\$ 9,000
16 Resident Advisors	13	\$ 3,000
17 Activities Coordinator	1	\$ 5,000
18 Van Driver	1	\$13,000

19 A teacher employed by an Arkansas public school immediately prior to
20 employment by the Arkansas Math and Science High School whose teaching salary
21 from such district was in excess of the maximum salary authorized by this
22 section may be paid a maximum amount not to exceed his or her previous salary
23 from such public school district.

24 6-42-204 (a). The State Department of Education, the Department of
25 Higher Education, and the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority shall
26 provide technical assistance to the staff of the School. The *Department* shall
27 also be authorized to contract with other agencies and/or private research
28 centers as it may deem necessary in carrying out its responsibilities for the
29 operation of the School.

30 (b) The *Department* is authorized and empowered to receive
31 contributions, donations, gifts, bequeaths of money, other forms of financial
32 assistance and/or property, equipment, materials, or personnel from persons,
33 foundations, trust funds, corporations, organizations and other sources,
34 private or public, to be expended and utilized for the operation of the
35 School.

