

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2771

5 By: Representative R. Smith
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO EXPAND THE PURPOSE OF THE ARKANSAS
10 SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TO INCLUDE
11 FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO EXPAND THE PURPOSE OF THE
14 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND
15 SCIENCE TO INCLUDE FINE AND PERFORMING
16 ARTS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-42-201(a) and (b), concerning the
22 establishment of the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences, is amended
23 to read as follows:

24 (a) There is hereby established the Arkansas School for Mathematics
25 and Sciences, and the Arts, hereinafter "school", which shall be a
26 residential school for eleventh and twelfth grade students.

27 (b)(1) The purposes of the school shall be to educate the gifted and
28 talented math, ~~and science~~, and fine and performing arts students of the
29 state and to develop curricula and materials to improve instruction in
30 mathematics, ~~and sciences~~, and fine and performing arts for all students in
31 the state. The school's curriculum, faculty, and admissions policy shall
32 reflect those purposes.

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



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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)~~ Six (6) 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, the Director of the Department of Arkansas Heritage, the president of the school's parent association, and the president of the school's student government shall serve as the ~~five (5)~~ six (6) ex officio, nonvoting members of the board.

(c) Members shall serve seven-year terms.