

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

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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

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

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

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



1 by the board of trustees.

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-42-202 is amended to read as follows:

4 6-42-202. Board of trustees.

5 (a) The school shall be governed by a board of trustees.

6 (b)(1)(A) The board of trustees shall consist of seven (7) members,
7 with one (1) member appointed from each congressional district and the
8 remaining members appointed at large.

9 (B) The Governor shall appoint all seven (7) members of
10 the board of trustees.

11 (C) Members of the board appointed by the Governor under
12 the provisions of this section, in addition to possessing the qualifications
13 of an elector, shall reside in the State of Arkansas.

14 (2)(A) ~~Five (5)~~ Six (6) ex officio nonvoting members shall also
15 serve on the board.

16 (B) The Director of the Department of Education, the
17 Director of the Department of Higher Education, the President of the Arkansas
18 Science and Technology Authority, the Director of the Department of Arkansas
19 Heritage, the president of the school's parent association, and the president
20 of the school's student government shall serve as the ~~five (5)~~ six (6) ex
21 officio, nonvoting members of the board.

22 (c) Members shall serve seven-year terms.

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24 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-42-201(a) is amended to read as follows:

25 (a) There is hereby established within the University of Arkansas
26 System the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences, hereinafter
27 "school", which shall be a residential school for eleventh and twelfth grade
28 students.

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30 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-42-202(a) and (b)(1)(A), pertaining to
31 the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences, are amended to read as
32 follows:

33 (a) The school shall be governed by a board of ~~trustees~~ visitors but
34 the actions of the board of visitors are subject to approval by the Board of
35 Trustees of the University of Arkansas.

36 (b)(1)(A) The board of ~~trustees~~ visitors shall consist of seven (7)

1 members, with one (1) member appointed from each congressional district and
2 the remaining members appointed at large.

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4 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-42-203(a), pertaining to the Arkansas
5 School for Mathematics and Sciences, is amended to read as follows:

6 (a) The board of ~~trustees~~ visitors created under § 6-42-202 is charged
7 with the management and control of the Arkansas School for Mathematics and
8 Sciences but the actions of the board of visitors are subject to the approval
9 of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas.

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11 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 6-42-203(d)(1), pertaining to the Arkansas
12 School for Mathematics and Sciences, is amended to read as follows:

13 (d)(1) The board shall employ an administrator for the school, subject
14 to the approval of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, who
15 may be removed by the board or the Governor.

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17 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 6-42-204(b)(3), pertaining to the Arkansas
18 School for Mathematics and Sciences, is amended to read as follows:

19 (3) The administrator and other personnel employed for the
20 operation of the school shall be employees of the State of Arkansas and shall
21 not be deemed to be faculty or employees of the University of Arkansas.

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23 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 6-42-206 is repealed.

24 ~~6-42-206. Governance of school.~~

25 ~~All Department of Education regulations shall apply to the Arkansas~~
26 ~~School for Mathematics and Sciences unless the department indicates~~
27 ~~otherwise.~~

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29 SECTION 9. (a) The Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences
30 becomes a part of the University of Arkansas System as of the effective date
31 of this act.

32 (b) On the effective date of this act, the preexisting board of
33 trustees becomes the board of visitors under Arkansas Code § 6-42-202.

34 (c) The Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences shall remain at
35 its current location.

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SECTION 10. This act becomes effective on January 1, 2004.

/s/ R. Smith