

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.

1 State of Arkansas  
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3 Regular Session, 2003

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2834

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5 By: Representative Penix  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS  
10 CODE RELATING TO EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE  
15 ARKANSAS CODE RELATING TO EDUCATION.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-13-634, pertaining to the size of a  
21 school district board of directors, is amended to add an additional  
22 subsection to read as follows read as follows:

23 (c)(1) Effective July 1, 2003, no school district shall have an even  
24 numbered board of directors.

25 (2) Any school district with an even number of board of  
26 directors shall petition the State Board of Education to change to an odd  
27 number of board of directors as allowed by law.  
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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-409 is amended to read as follows:

30 ~~6-17-409. Grants for alternative teacher~~ Non-traditional licensure  
31 certification.

32 (a) The Department of Education ~~is hereby authorized to provide grants~~  
33 ~~of financial assistance, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500), to~~  
34 ~~individuals seeking to obtain alternative teacher certification through the~~  
35 ~~alternative certification process administered by the department. The grants~~  
36 ~~shall be paid by the department from funds appropriated by the General~~



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1 ~~Assembly to the department for such purpose~~ may offer and operate a non-  
 2 traditional licensure program.

3 (b) The department is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and  
 4 regulations ~~to determine eligibility for awards of the grants~~ concerning the  
 5 operation of the non-traditional licensure program authorized by this  
 6 section, and for such other purposes as may be necessary in carrying out the  
 7 intent of this section.

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 9 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-19-114(b)(1), pertaining to the purchase  
 10 of school buses from the Revolving Loan Fund, is amended to read as follows:

11 (b)(1) The purchase of school buses with loans from the fund shall be  
 12 made upon competitive bids, except for those school buses that are  
 13 specifically exempted from special bidding requirements under § 6-21-306.

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 15 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 19, Subchapter 1 is amended  
 16 to add an additional section to read as follows:

17 6-19-120. Approved buses.

18 Any public school in the state transporting students to or from school  
 19 or any school related activity, in a vehicle designed to carry ten (10) or  
 20 more passengers, shall transport the students in a vehicle that meets all  
 21 federal motor vehicle safety standards, in existence on January 1, 2003, for  
 22 school buses.

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 24 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-20-303(10) is amended to read as follows:

25 (10) "Eligible debt service millage required" means, in the  
 26 computation of the debt service funding supplement, the debt service millage  
 27 required for bonds issued before ~~May 30~~ April 30 of each year;

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 29 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 6-20-814 is amended to read as follows:

30 6-20-814. Default ~~or threatened default.~~

31 (a) In the event of a default ~~or threatened default~~ in the payment of  
 32 the principal of or interest on any revolving loan bonds or revolving loan  
 33 certificates of indebtedness, the Director of the Department of Education is  
 34 authorized and directed to withhold from the apportionment otherwise due any  
 35 borrowing school district, moneys in amounts sufficient to obviate or avoid  
 36 any default ~~or threatened default.~~

1 (b) The ~~Chief Fiscal Officer of the State~~ State Board of Education  
2 shall prescribe the method of procedure to be followed in any such event to  
3 obviate or avoid any default ~~or threatened default~~.

4 (c) Under such rules and regulations as shall be established by the  
5 ~~Chief Fiscal Officer~~ State Board of Education, all maturities of principal  
6 and interest, as and when due, may be withheld from any such apportionments  
7 when mutually agreeable to the director and the board of directors of the  
8 debtor school district.

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10 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 6-20-804, pertaining to applications for  
11 loans from the Revolving Loan Fund, is amended to read as follows:

12 (b) Each application shall be executed in ~~triplicate~~ duplicate, the  
13 original ~~and one (1) copy thereof~~ to be filed with the board and one (1) copy  
14 to be retained in the files of the district.

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16 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 6-20-1205(c), pertaining to the submission  
17 of a statement prior to issuing bonds, is amended to read as follows:

18 (c)(1) In order to maintain the calculated basis for the uniform rate  
19 of tax, as specified in § 26-80-101 et seq., a bond approved by the board or  
20 the director must be issued by the following ~~May 30~~ April 30.

21 (2) If the bond is not issued by the following ~~May 30~~ April 30,  
22 the school district must reapply for approval prior to the issuance of the  
23 bonds.