

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 2834

5 By: Representative Penix
6 *By: Senator Gullett*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

15 AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE
16 ARKANSAS CODE RELATING TO EDUCATION.
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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 § 6-13-634, pertaining to the size of a
22 school district board of directors, is amended to add an additional
23 subsection to read as follows read as follows:

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

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

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

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



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1 ~~shall be paid by the department from funds appropriated by the General~~
2 ~~Assembly to the department for such purpose~~ may offer and operate a non-
3 traditional licensure program.

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

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

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

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

18 6-19-120. Approved buses.

19 No public school in the state shall use nonconforming vans, as defined
20 by the federal motor vehicle safety standards in existence on January 1,
21 2003, to transport students to or from school or to any school related
22 activity.

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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, and reviewed by the Chief
 6 Fiscal Officer, all maturities of principal and interest, as and when due,
 7 may be withheld from any such apportionments when mutually agreeable to the
 8 director and the board of directors of the 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.

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 25 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 20, Subchapter 3 is amended
 26 to add an additional section to read as follows:

27 6-20-328. Abstract of assessment.

28 (a) By March 15 in each calendar year, the county clerk of each county
 29 shall transmit to the Department of Education the abstract of assessment for
 30 the previous calendar year's assessments for collection in the current year.

31 (b) This abstract shall show, by class of property and value, the
 32 total assessment of each school district in the county and the millage rate
 33 charged after all adjustments ordered by the county equalization board and
 34 the county court have been made.

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 36 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 6-15-902(d) and (e), pertaining to the

1 *grading scale used by public schools, is amended to read as follows:*

2 ~~*(d) A notation shall be made on a student's transcript to indicate*~~
3 ~~*each special education class included on the transcript.*~~

4 ~~*(e)*~~*(d)* *A school district shall have the option of using the grading*
5 *scale in this section in the district's elementary schools.*

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/s/ Penix

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