

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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3 Regular Session, 2003  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2881

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

9 AN ACT TO CREATE A UNIFIED DISTRICT CURRICULUM  
10 COORDINATOR AND A UNIFIED DISTRICT CURRICULUM  
11 BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO CREATE A UNIFIED DISTRICT  
15 CURRICULUM COORDINATOR AND A UNIFIED  
16 DISTRICT CURRICULUM BOARD.  
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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 Title 6, Chapter 13, is amended to add an  
22 additional subchapter to read as follows:

23 6-13-1602. Curriculum development boards.

24 (a)(1) Each school district with twenty five hundred (2500) or less  
25 average daily membership shall enter into partnerships with other school  
26 districts, to be called "unified districts" for the purpose of providing  
27 enriched curriculum options.

28 (2) The unified districts shall create the position of a unified  
29 district curriculum coordinator.

30 (3) Each unified school district shall have a curriculum  
31 development board made up of one (1) parent and one (1)board member from each  
32 school district in the unified district.

33 (b) The members of the curriculum development boards shall be elected  
34 at the annual school election.

35 (c) At the time of the election, and during all times the member is  
36 servng on the curriculum development board, each member shall:



1           (1) Be a qualified elector of the school district, and school  
2 zone if applicable, which he or she elected to represent;

3           (2) A parent of a child enrolled to attend a public school in  
4 the school district which he or she is elected to represent; and

5           (3) Not be eligible for employment in any school district in the  
6 unit for which he or she serves as a member of the curriculum development  
7 board.

8           (d) The term of office of each member shall be for one (1) year.

9           (e) The election of members to the curriculum development boards  
10 created by this act shall be held in a manner to comply with the federal  
11 Voting Rights Act, in existence on January 1, 2003, and the State Board of  
12 Education shall have the authority to modify the election procedures in this  
13 section as necessary to comply with the federal Voting Rights Act, in  
14 existence on January 1, 2003.

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16           6-13-1603. Oath.

17           (a) Each person elected or appointed to the curriculum development  
18 boards shall, within ten (10) days after receiving notice of his or her  
19 election or appointment, subscribe to the following oath:

20           "I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby solemnly swear or affirm, that I will  
21 support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the  
22 State of Arkansas, and that I will not be interested, directly or indirectly,  
23 in any contract made by the district of which I am a member of the curriculum  
24 development board, except as permitted by state law and that I will  
25 faithfully discharge the duties as a member of the curriculum development  
26 board, upon which I am about to enter."

27           (b) A county clerk, upon receipt of the oath prescribed for a member  
28 of the curriculum development board, shall immediately commission such  
29 persons, and they shall enter at once upon his or her duties as a member of  
30 the curriculum development board.

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32           6-13-1604. Organizational meeting.

33           At the first meeting following the 2003 annual school election, the  
34 member receiving the most votes in the election shall serve as president for  
35 the purpose of calling an organizational meeting to be held not later than  
36 the second Monday in January, and shall preside as president at that meeting

1 until the board shall elect one (1) member to be president, and at that  
2 meeting and at the first regular meeting following the annual school election  
3 thereafter, the board of directors of each school district shall organize by  
4 electing:

- 5 (1) One (1) of their number president;
- 6 (2) One (1) of their number vice president; and
- 7 (3) A secretary who may, but need not be, a member of the board.

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9 6-13-1605. Duties.

10 The curriculum development board shall be responsible for providing the  
11 partnership curricula through sharing teachers, teaching facilities,  
12 technology, video conferencing, internet courses and all other means of  
13 delivering high school courses.

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15 6-13-1606. Cost.

16 The cost of the unified district curriculum coordinator and all course  
17 offered through the partnership curriculum shall be paid by an assessment on  
18 a basis of the average daily membership of each district.

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