

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

SENATE BILL 912

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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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

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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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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-42-201(a) and (b), concerning the  
24 establishment of the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences, is amended  
25 to read as follows:

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

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

35 (2) While the emphasis of the school shall be dedicated to the  
36 academic teaching of mathematics, ~~and sciences~~, and fine and performing arts,



1 some emphasis may be placed on the arts and humanities as deemed appropriate  
2 by the board of trustees.

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4 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-42-202 is amended to read as follows:  
5 6-42-202. Board of trustees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (c) Members shall serve seven-year terms.  
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25 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-42-201(a) is amended to read as follows:

26 (a) There is hereby established within the University of Arkansas  
27 System the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences, hereinafter  
28 "school", which shall be a residential school for eleventh and twelfth grade  
29 students.  
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31 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-42-202(a) and (b)(1)(A), pertaining to  
32 the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences, are amended to read as  
33 follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 ~~6-42-206. Governance of school.~~

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

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

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

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

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

*/s/ T. Smith*