

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
2 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2701

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5 By: Representative Chesterfield
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE DESEGREGATION LITIGATION
10 OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE TO CONTRACT WITH EXPERTS
11 TO FACILITATE A FINAL RESOLUTION TO DESEGREGATION
12 CASES IN THE STATE; CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE
13 FEASIBILITY STUDY TO DETERMINE THE IMPACT OF
14 CREATING ONE (1) OR TWO (2) SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN
15 PULASKI COUNTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE DESEGREGATION
19 LITIGATION OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE TO
20 CONTRACT WITH EXPERTS TO FACILITATE A
21 FINAL RESOLUTION TO DESEGREGATION CASES
22 IN THE STATE.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 10-3-1501 is amended to read as follows:
28 10-3-1501. Established - Powers and duties.

29 There is hereby established the "Desegregation Litigation Oversight
30 Subcommittee" of the General Assembly which shall have the authority and duty
31 to:

32 (1) monitor ~~monitor~~ Monitor the implementation of the Pulaski County
33 School Desegregation Case Settlement Agreement; ~~and~~

34 (2) to monitor ~~to monitor~~ Monitor the state's participation in any future
35 desegregation case in which the Department of Education or the State Board of
36 Education is a defendant, or both; and



1 (3) Hire attorneys and other experts as may be necessary to
2 represent the General Assembly or other parties and to facilitate a final
3 resolution to desegregation cases in the state.

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5 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 10, Chapter 3, Subchapter 15 is amended
6 to add an additional section to read as follows:

7 10-3-1505. Comprehensive study.

8 (a) The Desegregation Litigation Oversight Subcommittee may conduct a
9 comprehensive feasibility study to determine if creating one (1) or two (2)
10 school districts in Pulaski County or otherwise changing the boundaries of
11 any of the three (3) school districts in Pulaski County would:

12 (1) Substantially impact the student population of each
13 district;

14 (2) Better meet the educational needs of the students of the
15 districts involved;

16 (3) Have a fiscal impact on the consolidated or annexed school
17 district;

18 (4) Impact desegregation of the schools in the districts; and

19 (5) Affect other matters as determined by the Desegregation
20 Litigation Oversight Subcommittee.

21 (b)(1) The Desegregation Litigation Oversight Subcommittee may
22 commission the assistance of experts or other unbiased sources to assist the
23 Desegregation Litigation Oversight Subcommittee in the completion of a
24 comprehensive feasibility study.

25 (2) The costs of the study may be paid from funds appropriated
26 to the Bureau of Legislative Research for the purpose of conducting studies
27 or other sources.

28 (c) A report of the study shall be presented to the House Interim
29 Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on Education by
30 December 1, 2006.

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