| 1 | State of Arkansas | As Engrossed: \$3/14/13 | | |
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| 2 | 89th General Assembly | A Bill | | |
| 3 | Regular Session, 2013 | | SENATE BILL 823 | |
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| 5 | By: Senator Teague | | | |
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| 7 | | For An Act To Be Entitled | | |
| 8 | AN ACT TO E | STABLISH THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SAFET | ſY | |
| 9 | COMMISSION; | AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. | | |
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| 12 | | Subtitle | | |
| 13 | TO EST | TABLISH THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SAFETY | | |
| 14 | COMMIS | SSION. | | |
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| 17 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE GE | ENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF A | ARKANSAS: | |
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| 19 | SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 1, is amended to add an | | | |
| 20 | additional subchapter t | o read as follows: | | |
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| 22 | Subchapter 6 - Pu | ublic School Safety Commission | | |
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| 26 | THELE IS ESCAPILS | ned the Tubiic School Salety Co | Jimilssion is created. | |
| 27 | 6-1-602. Finding | rs. | | |
| 28 | The General Assem | | | |
| 29 | | e and secure school is vital for | a student's academic | |
| 30 | success and emotional w | | | |
| 31 | | ng a safe and secure public scho | ool environment for our | |
| 32 | | sibility of each citizen of Arkar | | |
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| 34 | 6-1-603. Purpose | <u> </u> | | |
| 35 | The purpose of th | ne Public School Safety Commissio | on is to serve as a | |
| 36 | central body to coordin | nate statewide public school safe | ety efforts, including: | |

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| 1 | (1) Encouraging school districts to develop school safety | | |
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| 2 | <pre>policies;</pre> | | |
| 3 | (2) Developing model school safety practices for public school | | |
| 4 | districts to implement; | | |
| 5 | (3) Devising a public school safety awareness program for public | | |
| 6 | school students, parents, and staff; and | | |
| 7 | (4) Assisting the Department of Education with the | | |
| 8 | implementation of public school safety efforts recommended by the commission. | | |
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| 10 | 6-1-604. Membership. | | |
| 11 | (a) The Public School Safety Commission consists of nine (9) members | | |
| 12 | as follows: | | |
| 13 | (1) The Commissioner of Education; | | |
| 14 | (2) The Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police; | | |
| 15 | (3) The Director of the Division of Youth Services of the | | |
| 16 | Department of Human Services; | | |
| 17 | (4) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Association of | | |
| 18 | Educational Administrators; | | |
| 19 | (5) The Executive Director of the Arkansas School Boards | | |
| 20 | Association; | | |
| 21 | (6) A representative from Arkansas Advocates for Children and | | |
| 22 | Families; | | |
| 23 | (7) A representative from Arkansas Children's Hospital; and | | |
| 24 | (8) The Director of the Criminal Justice Institute; | | |
| 25 | (9) A representative from the University of Arkansas for Medical | | |
| 26 | Sciences Injury Prevention Center. | | |
| 27 | (b) Any member may appoint a designee to serve in his or her place if | | |
| 28 | necessary. | | |
| 29 | (c)(l) The chair of the commission is elected by majority vote at the | | |
| 30 | first meeting of the commission. | | |
| 31 | (2) All changes in commission chairmanship are decided by | | |
| 32 | majority vote of the commission. | | |
| 33 | (d)(l) The commission shall meet at the times and places that the | | |
| 34 | chair deems necessary but no less than four (4) times per year. | | |
| 35 | (2) Five (5) members of the commission shall constitute a quorum | | |
| 36 | for the purpose of transacting business. | | |

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| 1 | (3) All actions of the commission are by quorum. |
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| 2 | (e) The Department of Education shall staff the commission. |
| 3 | (f) All members of the commission may receive expense reimbursement in |
| 4 | accordance with § 25-16-902 paid by the Department of Education if funds are |
| 5 | available. |
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| 7 | 6-1-605. Annual report. |
| 8 | (a) The chair of the Public School Safety Commission shall provide a |
| 9 | report to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on |
| 10 | Education no later than November 1, 2013, and each year thereafter. |
| 11 | (b) The report shall identify: |
| 12 | (1) Policies adopted by public school districts that address |
| 13 | <pre>public school safety;</pre> |
| 14 | (2) Model school safety practices developed by the commission |
| 15 | and implemented in public school districts; |
| 16 | (3) School safety awareness programs operating statewide, |
| 17 | including the number of students participating in school safety awareness |
| 18 | programs; and |
| 19 | (4) Recommendations for the General Assembly, the Department of |
| 20 | Education, and other entities for the purpose of reducing threats to school |
| 21 | safety and school violence. |
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