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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1576

5 By: Representative C. Douglas  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES  
9 PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM CONCERNING APPROVED BUT UNFUNDED  
10 NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC  
15 FACILITIES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM CONCERNING  
16 APPROVED BUT UNFUNDED NEW CONSTRUCTION  
17 PROJECTS.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2507, concerning the Academic*  
23 *Facilities Partnership Program, is amended to add an additional subsection to*  
24 *read as follows:*

25 (h)(1)(A) If the state's financial participation in any new  
26 construction projects under any of the funding categories becomes void under  
27 this section for any reason, the division shall reallocate the funds during  
28 the current project funding cycle to the approved but unfunded new  
29 construction projects that hold the highest position of priority in the  
30 current project funding cycle.

31 (B) If funds become available for a new construction  
32 project under subdivision (h)(1)(A) of this section, the public school  
33 district may:

34 (i) Accept the funding and proceed with the new  
35 construction project; or

36 (ii)(a) Refuse the funding.



1 (b) If a public school district refuses the  
2 funding under subdivision (h)(1)(B)(ii)(a) of this section because the  
3 available funds would not fully fund the new construction project, the new  
4 construction project shall maintain its position of priority.

5 (c) If a public school district refuses the  
6 funding under subdivision (h)(1)(B)(ii)(a) of this section, the division  
7 shall reallocate the funds to the new construction project holding the next  
8 highest position of priority.

9 (2) The division shall continue to reallocate the funds under  
10 subdivision (h)(1) of this section until:

11 (A) The funds are exhausted; or

12 (B)(i) The remaining funds will not fully fund during the  
13 current project funding cycle any approved but unfunded new construction  
14 projects.

15 (ii) Any remaining funds under subdivision  
16 (h)(2)(B)(i) of this section shall be considered general funds of the  
17 program.

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