

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

ACT 1340 OF 1997  
HOUSE BILL 2276

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

9 "AN ACT TO CREATE AN EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION; AND  
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## Subtitle

13 "AN ACT TO CREATE AN EDUCATIONAL  
14 STANDARDS COMMISSION."  
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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18 SECTION 1. The State Department of Education is directed to create an  
19 Education Standards Commission which shall be composed of the following  
20 individuals: one (1) k-3 classroom teacher, one (1) 4-6 classroom teacher,  
21 one (1) 7-9 classroom teacher, one (1) 10-12 classroom teacher, one (1)  
22 counselor, one (1) vocational teacher, one (1) elementary school  
23 administrator, one (1) secondary school administrator, one (1) superintendent  
24 and one (1) school board member, two (2) parents of public school students and  
25 two (2) representatives of the business community.

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27 SECTION 2. The Director of the Division of General Education shall  
28 appoint the teacher representatives from a list submitted by the Arkansas  
29 Education Association; the administrator representatives from a list submitted  
30 by the Arkansas Association of Education Administrators; the school board  
31 members from a list submitted by the School Boards Association; the counselor  
32 from a list submitted by the Arkansas Counseling Association, the vocational  
33 teacher from a list submitted by the Arkansas Vocational Education  
34 Association; the parent representatives from a list submitted by the Arkansas  
35 Parent-Teacher Association; and the business representatives from a list  
36 submitted by the Arkansas Business and Education Alliance.

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SECTION 3. Members of the Commission shall serve four-year terms on a staggered basis. The initial appointees shall draw lots to determine the length of their terms.

SECTION 4. The Educational Standards Commission shall regularly review the regulations, criteria and minimum standards used by the State Board of Education and the Department of Education at least once every two (2) years. Recommendations for changes in the regulations, criteria, and minimum standards shall be presented by the Commission to the State Board of Education for its consideration.

SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

/s/Rep. Thicksten

APPROVED: BECAME LAW WITHOUT GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE.