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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
FACILITY MANUAL; TO REVISE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
STANDARDS REGARDING SITE SELECTION FOR A PUBLIC
SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITY TO INCLUDE A TRAFFIC IMPACT
ANALYSIS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REVISE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
STANDARDS REGARDING SITE SELECTION FOR A
PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITY TO
INCLUDE A TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-21-809(b)(3), concerning the Arkansas
Public School Academic Facility Manual, is amended to read as follows:

(3)(A) Site selection, including without limitation guidelines
about site size and site amenities, such as site access, grading, drainage,
drives, parking, walks, fencing, exterior security provisions, exterior
lighting, mechanical yards, electrical yards, site furnishings, play fields,
playgrounds, and landscaping.

(B)(i) A public school district shall notify the
Department of Transportation of its site selection under subdivision
(b)(3)(A) of this section.

(ii) Upon receipt of notification under subdivision
(b)(3)(B)(i) of this section, the department may perform a traffic impact
(iii) A public school district may incorporate the results and recommendations that address the results of the traffic impact analysis into the design plan for a public school district facility design or construction project.

(iv) Notwithstanding other statutes to the contrary, the cost of any recommendations under subdivision (b)(3)(B)(iii) of this section may be considered an eligible construction expense for any design or construction project undertaken by a public school district.

(v)(a) Nonrevenue receipts of a school district and revenue receipts of a school district, as defined under § 6-20-401(3) and (4), may be used to pay for the cost of any recommendations under subdivision (b)(3)(B)(iii) of this section.

(b) However, facilities partnership funds shall not be used to pay for the cost of recommendations under subdivision (b)(3)(B)(iii) of this section.

(vi) The Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation shall, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, promulgate rules necessary to implement subdivision (b)(3)(B) of this section;

/s/J. Mayberry

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