

State of Arkansas

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## A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1640

By: Representative Duke

By: Senator D. Sullivan

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING ETHICAL GUIDELINES AND PROHIBITIONS  
FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; TO AMEND THE DEFINITION  
OF "ADMINISTRATOR" AS IT RELATES TO ETHICAL  
GUIDELINES AND PROHIBITIONS; TO AMEND THE  
RESTRICTIONS ON EMPLOYMENT SPECIFIC TO PUBLIC SCHOOL  
ADMINISTRATORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF  
"ADMINISTRATOR" AS IT RELATES TO ETHICAL  
GUIDELINES AND PROHIBITIONS; AND TO  
AMEND THE RESTRICTIONS ON EMPLOYMENT  
SPECIFIC TO PUBLIC SCHOOL  
ADMINISTRATORS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-24-102(1), concerning the definition of  
"administrator" as it relates to ethical guidelines and prohibitions, is  
amended to read as follows:

(1) "Administrator" means ~~any~~ a superintendent or assistant  
superintendent or his or her equivalent, school district treasurer, business  
manager, principal, assistant principal, curriculum director, or other  
individual directly responsible for entity-wide purchasing;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-24-102(16), concerning the definition of  
"public educational entity" as it relates to ethical guidelines and



1 prohibitions, is amended to read as follows:

2 (16)(A) "Public educational entity" means Arkansas public school  
3 districts, public schools, charter schools, education service cooperatives,  
4 or any publicly supported entity having supervision over public educational  
5 entities.

6 (B) "Public educational entity" does not include  
7 institutions of higher education.

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9 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-24-111(a)(1), concerning restrictions on  
10 employment of an administrator, is amended to read as follows:

11 (a)(1) Unless written approval is granted by the public school  
12 district board of directors currently employing an administrator and the  
13 Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, it is a breach of the  
14 ethical standards of this chapter for administrators to be or become the  
15 employee, agent, or independent contractor of any party contracting with the  
16 public educational entity the administrators serve.

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18 /s/Duke  
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