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A Bill

SENATE BILL 1062

5 By: Senator S. Flowers
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE USE
9 OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES;
10 TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF SCHOOL
11 COMMUNITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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14 **Subtitle**

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-21-101 is amended to read as follows:

25 6-21-101. Authority to permit use of public school buildings for
26 community purposes.

27 (a) The General Assembly finds that the use of a public school
28 facility under this section:

29 (1) Promotes the education, health, and well-being of the
30 communities where schools are located; and

31 (2) Is an intended purpose for the use of school property under
32 Arkansas Constitution, Article 14, § 2.

33 (b)(1) The board of directors of any a school district may permit the
34 use of the public schoolhouse for social, civic, and recreational purposes or
35 any other community purpose, including any lawful meetings of its citizens,
36 provided such meetings do not interfere with the regular school work, and the



1 ~~directors may make a charge therefor if they deem it proper to do so~~ members
2 of the community to use land or public school facilities owned or operated by
3 the school district for a community purpose, including without limitation:

4 (A) A social event;

5 (B) A civic event;

6 (C) Recreation;

7 (D) Health and wellness activities; and

8 (E) A lawful meeting of the citizens of the community.

9 (2) Community activities permitted at school facilities or on
10 school land shall not interfere with an instructional day at the school where
11 the community activities are held.

12 (c) To offset the cost of community use of school land or a public
13 school facility, a school district may:

14 (1) Charge a fee;

15 (2) Accept gifts, grants, and donations from private sources,
16 from municipal and county governments, from the state, and from the federal
17 government; or

18 (3) Enter into a joint use agreement with a public agency,
19 public entity, private entity, or nonprofit organization, for shared use and
20 responsibility of the school land or public school facility.

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22 */s/S. Flowers*

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25 **APPROVED: 04/23/2013**