

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the Arkansas Constitution.

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5 By: Representative Lowery
6 By: Senator B. Johnson

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

9 AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO BE KNOWN
10 AS THE "PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP AMENDMENT OF
11 2018"; AND PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 14,
12 SECTION 1 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE THE
13 STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO MAINTAIN A
14 GENERAL, SUITABLE, AND EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF FREE
15 PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE PERSONS RESIDING WITHIN THE
16 PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND OTHER PERSONS DEEMED
17 ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Subtitle

21 THE PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP
22 AMENDMENT OF 2018.

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL
27 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

29 That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of
30 the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state
31 for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives
32 and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election
33 adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of
34 the State of Arkansas, to wit:

36 SECTION 1. This amendment shall be known and may be cited as the



1 "Public Education Partnership Amendment of 2018".

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Constitution, Article 14, § 1, is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 § 1. Free school system.

6 (a) Intelligence and virtue being the safeguards of liberty and the
7 bulwark of a free and good government, the State and each public school
8 district shall ever maintain a general, suitable and efficient system of free
9 public schools for the persons residing within the public school district and
10 other persons deemed eligible to attend the public school district and shall
11 adopt all suitable means to secure to the people the advantages and
12 opportunities of education.

13 (b) The specific intention of this amendment is to authorize that in
14 addition to existing constitutional or statutory provisions the General
15 Assembly ~~and/or~~ and public school districts may spend public funds for the
16 education of persons over twenty-one (21) years of age and under six (6)
17 years of age, as may be provided by law, and no other interpretation shall be
18 given to it.

19 (c) The following shall not be held to violate this section or other
20 provisions of this Constitution, including without limitation Article 2 of
21 this Constitution:

22 (1) The maintaining of a general, suitable, and efficient system
23 of free public schools by the State and public school districts; and

24 (2) The actions of the General Assembly as part of the
25 supervision of public schools under Article 14, § 4 of this Constitution.

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27 SECTION 3. BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME. When this proposed
28 amendment is submitted to the electors of this state on the general election
29 ballot:

30 (1) The title of this joint resolution shall be the ballot
31 title; and

32 (2) The Popular Name shall be "A Proposed Constitutional
33 Amendment, to be Known as the "Public Education Partnership Amendment of
34 2018", to Provide that the State and Public School Districts Share the
35 Responsibility of Providing a Free System of Public Schools by Requiring the
36 State and Public School Districts to Maintain a General, Suitable, and

1 Efficient System of Free Public Schools for the Persons Residing Within
2 Public School Districts and Other Persons Deemed Eligible to Attend Public
3 School Districts".

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