

HOUSE AMENDMENT 1 TO hb2276.

deleting everything after the Enacting Clause and substituting therefor the following:

"SECTION 1. The State Department of Education is directed to create an Education Standards Commission which shall be composed of the following individuals: one (1) k-3 classroom teacher, one (1) 4-6 classroom teacher, one (1) 7-9 classroom teacher, one (1) 10-12 classroom teacher, one (1) counselor, one (1) vocational teacher, one (1) elementary school administrator, one (1) secondary school administrator, one (1) superintendent and one (1) school board member, two (2) parents of public school students and two (2) representatives of the business community.

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

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."