

ARKANSAS SENATE
85th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2005
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 132

"AN ACT TO FORM COUNTYWIDE ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS FOR SCHOOL
DISTRICTS."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 132.

Amend Senate Bill No. 132 as originally introduced:

Page 2, line 5, delete "superintendent" and substitute "county chancellor of education, (1) board of directors,"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 6 through 27 entirely, and substitute the following:

"(a)(1)(A) The House Interim Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on Education shall jointly develop a plan to gradually create countywide administrative units as provided under this act and making recommendations to the General Assembly prior to beginning of the next regular session of the General Assembly.

(B) The plan shall:

(i) Be in compliance with all state laws, federal laws, state rules and regulations, and applicable court orders;

(ii) Be fair to all districts involved;

(iii) Serve the best interest of the students served by each district; and

(iv) Provide the creation of countywide administrative units in no less than fifteen (15) counties each biennium over the next ten (10) years;

(v) The fifteen (15) counties selected for each biennium shall include counties in each of the four (4) congressional districts of the state.

(2)(A) The House Interim Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on Education may make exceptions, accommodations, or other appropriate recommendations for school districts that are geographically isolated, that are very small, or that are very large.

(B) Any exceptions, accommodations, or other appropriate recommendations for school districts that are geographically isolated, that are very small, or that are very large shall be based on the best educational interests of the students in the districts as determined by the House Interim Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on Education.



(b) The State Board of Education shall cause the creation of countywide administrations in any county approved by the General Assembly under subsection (a).

(c) After January 1, 2016, the State Board of Education shall create a countywide administration for any school districts not selected by the General Assembly for countywide administration prior to December 1, 2015, unless the General Assembly has approved an exception, accommodation, or other appropriate recommendation for a school district because the school district is geographically isolated, very small, or very large."

AND

Delete Sections 2 and 3 entirely

AND

Page 5, delete lines 10 through 21 and substitute:

"6-13-109. School superintendent or chancellors. [Effective July 1, 2000.]

(a)(1) ~~The~~ Except as provided under subdivision (2) of this section, public school districts in the state shall each employ a superintendent of schools, whose qualifications and duties shall be prescribed by the General Assembly and the State Board of Education.

(2) Upon the creation of countywide administrative units under this § 6-17-1701 through 6-17-1704, neither the countywide school district nor any school in the countywide administrative unit may employ a superintendent of schools, but shall employ in lieu of superintendents only one (1) county chancellor of education to perform duties previously performed by the separate superintendents and duties which shall be prescribed by the General Assembly and the State Board of Education.

(b)(1) "Superintendent of schools" ~~is defined as~~ means the executive officer of a school district board of directors directing the affairs of the school district and teaching not more than one-half (1/2) of the time in the school day.

(2) "County chancellor of education" means the executive officer of countywide administration board of directors directing the administrative affairs of the countywide school district."

AND

Page 5, delete line 26 and substitute:

"Upon creation of a countywide administrative unit, each school shall establish a parent advisory council based on the"

AND

If appropriate, renumber the remaining sections of the bill

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Whitaker

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