



EXHIBIT B

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance

Division of Public School Academic
Facilities and Transportation



Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

- Became Federal law in 1990
- Protects citizens with disabilities from discrimination



Arkansas Act 987 of 2021

- Required public school districts to include the following in the facilities master plan by 2/1/2024 :
 - Perform an assessment of public school facilities with respect to compliance with the ADA with an emphasis on buildings constructed before 2004
 - A transition plan establishing the steps necessary to ensure ADA compliance
- Required open-enrollment public charter schools to submit the same assessment and transition plan by 2/1/2024 (open-enrollment public charter schools are not required to submit a facilities master plan to the Division)
- Required guidelines be established and an online professional learning course be provided to assist public school districts and open-enrollment public charter schools in conducting the required assessments



Assistance Provided for Districts

- The “ADA Checklist for Existing Facilities” was developed to assist public school districts and open-enrollment public charter schools in conducting the required assessments:
 - Practical tool to use when assessing compliance to ADA requirements
 - Not a comprehensive list but focuses on priorities listed in the federal ADA regulations
- Online learning course was created and provided to public school districts and open-enrollment public charter schools
- A video to introduce the online learning course was done by Representative Mayberry