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A Bill

SENATE BILL 407

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 6-11-105 TO EXPAND THE
POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO INCLUDE THE SUPERVISION OF ALL INTERSCHOLASTIC
ACTIVITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

"TO EXPAND THE POWER OF THE ARKANSAS
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SUPERVISE
ALL INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-11-105 is amended to read as follows:

"6-11-105. Powers and duties.

(a) The State Board of Education shall:

- (1) Have general supervision of the public schools of the state;
- (2) Prepare and distribute plans and specifications for the construction and equipment of school buildings and approve plans and expenditures of public school funds for all new school buildings;
- (3) Recommend courses of study for the public schools and teacher training institutions;
- (4) Prescribe rules and regulations for the sanitary inspection of all buildings and for the examination of pupils to detect contagious and infectious diseases and physical defects;
- (5) Issue certificates based upon credentials presented by applicants for certificates to teach in the public schools of the state;
- (6) Qualify and standardize public schools and prescribe requirements for accrediting and grading public schools;

1 (7) Supervise the operation of school district budgets;
2 (8) Supervise the purchase and distribution of textbooks;
3 (9) Supervise all interscholastic activity;
4 (10) Take such other action as it may deem necessary to promote
5 the physical welfare of school children and promote the organization and
6 increase the efficiency of the public schools of the state; and

7 (11) Perform all other functions which may now or hereafter be
8 delegated to the State Board of Education by law. However, nothing in this
9 act shall prohibit the State Board of Education and the Department of
10 Education from issuing teachers' certificates upon the results of teachers'
11 examinations as now provided by law.

12 (b)(1) The State Board of Education may organize and, from time to
13 time, change and alter the General Education Division into such branches or
14 sections as may be found necessary and desirable by the Director of General
15 Education to perform all proper functions and render maximum service relating
16 to the operation and improvement of the general education programs of the
17 state.

18 (2) The State Board of Vocational Education may organize and,
19 from time to time, change and alter the Vocational and Technical Education
20 Division into such branches or sections as may be found necessary and
21 desirable by the Director of Vocational and Technical Education to perform
22 all proper functions and render maximum service relating to the operation and
23 improvement of vocational education programs in the state.

24 (c) The State Board of Education and the State Board of Vocational
25 Education shall adopt such rules and regulations for their meetings and
26 proceedings as they deem advisable.

27 (d) *This section shall apply beginning with the 1997-98 school year."*
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29 SECTION 2. *The State Board of Education shall submit a plan for the*
30 *implementation of this act to the Joint Interim Committee on Education. The*
31 *plan shall be submitted by September 1, 1996.*

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33 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature
34 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
35 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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SECTION 4. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

/s/Everett et al

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