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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2276

5 By: Representative Thicksten
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO CREATE AN EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION; AND
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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Subtitle

13 "AN ACT TO CREATE AN EDUCATIONAL
14 STANDARDS COMMISSION."
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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18 SECTION 1. The State Department of Education is directed to create an
19 Education Standards Commission which shall be composed of the following
20 individuals: one (1) k-3 classroom teacher, one (1) 4-6 classroom teacher,
21 one (1) 7-9 classroom teacher, one (1) 10-12 classroom teacher, one (1)
22 counselor, one (1) vocational teacher, one (1) elementary school
23 administrator, one (1) secondary school administrator, one (1) superintendent
24 and one (1) school board member, two (2) parents of public school students and
25 two (2) representatives of the business community.
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27 SECTION 2. The Director of the Division of General Education shall
28 appoint the teacher representatives from a list submitted by the Arkansas
29 Education Association; the administrator representatives from a list submitted
30 by the Arkansas Association of Education Administrators; the school board
31 members from a list submitted by the School Boards Association; the counselor
32 from a list submitted by the Arkansas Counseling Association, the vocational
33 teacher from a list submitted by the Arkansas Vocational Education
34 Association; the parent representatives from a list submitted by the Arkansas
35 Parent-Teacher Association; and the business representatives from a list
36 submitted by the Arkansas Business and Education Alliance.

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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.

/s/Rep. Thicksten