

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2169

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5 By: Representative Cook
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. (a) The State Board of Education, utilizing the staff of
24 the Department of Education, is directed to conduct a study of the structure
25 of public elementary and secondary education.

26 (b) Results of this study shall be presented to the House and Senate
27 Interim Committees on Education no later than September 1, 2002. Reports of
28 progress made on the study shall be reported to the House and Senate Interim
29 Committees on Education no later than September 1, 2002.

30 (c) Reports of progress made on the study shall be reported to the
31 House and Senate Interim Committees on Education at least quarterly. The in-
32 depth study shall:

33 (1) Identify ways and means of improving the efficiency of
34 public education on the elementary and secondary level;

35 (2) Study the structures of education of other states and
36 determine if changes in the Arkansas system should be made based on the

1 information found;

2 (3) Determine improvements in teaching salaries needed to offer
3 students good quality teachers and adequate educational offerings which would
4 prepare them for college, other postsecondary education, or for the job
5 market;

6 (4) Determine any changes needed in the certification process
7 for teachers and administrators and examine the proper relationship between
8 the colleges and universities and the Department of Education in the
9 certification process;

10 (5) Study the effectiveness of the education cooperatives and
11 make recommendations about any changes needed in their programs and
12 responsibilities;

13 (6) Review the responsibilities of the State Board of Education
14 and the local boards of education to determine if changes need to be made in
15 these relationships; and

16 (7) Determine the level of funding needed to offer the students
17 of Arkansas a quality program of education and suggest sources of funding.

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19 SECTION 2. (a) The State Board of Education shall appoint an Advisory
20 Committee to assist the board in this study. It shall include members of the
21 General Assembly, school administrators and teachers, local school board
22 members, citizens, non-certified personnel from local schools, students, and
23 others as deemed appropriate by the State Board of Education.

24 (b) The committee shall be formed no later than June 1, 2001.

25 (c) Members representing schools shall be appointed so that various
26 size schools and school districts are equally represented.

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28 SECTION 3. Members of the Advisory Committee may receive expense
29 reimbursement in accordance with Arkansas Code 25-16-902.

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31 SECTION 4. A report shall be filed with the House and Senate Interim
32 Committees on Education, the Governor, and State Board of Education no later
33 than September 1, 2002.