

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.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2882

5 By: Representative Cleveland
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 TO CREATE THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON MATH
10 EXCELLENCE AND IMPROVE MATH EDUCATION IN
11 ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO CREATE THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON
15 MATH EXCELLENCE AND IMPROVE MATH
16 EDUCATION IN ARKANSAS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. (a) There is created a commission to be known as the
22 "Advisory Commission on Math Excellence".

23 (b) The commission shall consist of nine (9) members as follows:

24 (1) Three (3) members to be appointed by the Governor, as
25 follows:

26 (A) Two (2) members from the business community; and

27 (B) One (1) member who is a teacher of elementary math;

28 (2) Three (3) members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
29 the Senate, as follows:

30 (A) One (1) member who is involved in teaching math in
31 higher education;

32 (B) One (1) member who is involved in vocational technical
33 teaching;

34 (C) One (1) member who is a teacher of middle school math;

35 and

36 (3) Three (3) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of



1 Representatives, as follows:

2 (A) One (1) member who is involved in high school math
3 teaching; and

4 (B) Two (2) members who are K-12 math curriculum
5 specialists.

6 (c) The Governor shall name one (1) of the commission's members to
7 serve as chair of the commission.

8 (d) If a vacancy occurs in an appointed position for any reason, the
9 vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

10 (e)(1) The commission shall meet upon call of the chair of the
11 commission.

12 (2) Five (5) members of the commission shall constitute a quorum
13 for the purpose of transacting business.

14 (3) A quorum is required for action of the commission.

15 (4) The commission will meet at times that will not conflict
16 with classroom teaching.

17 (f)(1)(A) The commission shall:

18 (i) Review various curricula for math education of
19 students in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12);

20 (ii) Review and research state and national
21 standards and provided commentary; and

22 (iii) The commission shall make recommendations to
23 the Department of Education and the State Board of Education on methods to
24 improve the consistency and continuity of math education in the State of
25 Arkansas and methods to ensure the actual instruction in classrooms is
26 aligned with state standards and curriculum frameworks.

27 (g) If the Department of Education fails to adopt the recommendations
28 of the commission, the Department of Education shall state in writing all the
29 department's and the board's objections to the recommendations and reasons
30 for not adopting the recommendations.

31 (h) The Department of Education shall provide meeting space and staff
32 assistance to the Advisory Commission on Math Excellence.

33 (i)(1) The members of the Advisory Commission on Math Excellence shall
34 serve without pay.

35 (2) All members of the commission may receive expense
36 reimbursement in accordance with Arkansas Code § 25-16-902, to be paid by the

1 Department of Education.

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3 SECTION 2. (a)(1) The State Board of Education shall ensure that the
4 curriculum frameworks for all math courses in grades kindergarten through
5 grade twelve (K-12) are aligned according to standards.

6 (2) Current math curriculum frameworks shall be reviewed and
7 revised as necessary to ensure a consistent high quality math curriculum for
8 all students.

9 (3) The State Board of Education and the Department of Education
10 shall work with math teachers when reviewing a revising the math curriculum
11 frameworks.

12 (b) The math curriculum used by every school in the state shall be
13 aligned with the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of
14 Education.

15 (c)(1) Any student failing to demonstrate a proficient level of
16 achievement on the math portion of the state criterion reference tests shall
17 participate in an individual academic improvement plan specifically designed
18 by the math department of the school district to assist the student in
19 achieving a level of proficiency in math.

20 (2) Point in time intervention and remediation, including summer
21 school, shall be provided for students with an academic improvement plan.

22 (3) Appropriate professional development shall be provided for
23 math teachers to assist the teachers in working with students with academic
24 improvement plans.

25 (d) After completion of grade eight (8), each student who is not
26 proficient in math shall be provided information on appropriate course taking
27 to meet graduation requirements and postsecondary opportunities.

28 (e) The Department of Education and schools will work together to
29 develop research which will assist in improving the teaching of math in
30 Arkansas. Institutions of higher education will be involved in the research
31 process when it is appropriate.

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