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Call Item 4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1121

5 By: Representative J. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF THE
10 LEGISLATIVE HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE; TO
11 COORDINATE EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE EFFECTS OF
12 INADEQUATE HEALTH CARE ON THE EDUCATIONAL
13 PERFORMANCE OF CHILDREN IN ARKANSAS SCHOOL
14 SYSTEMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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18 ADVISORY COMMITTEE; TO COORDINATE
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20 CARE ON THE EDUCATIONAL PREFORMANCE OF
21 CHILDREN.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-37-102(a) through (d), establishing the
28 Legislative Health Adequacy Committee, are amended to read as follows:

29 (a)(1) There is established the Legislative Health Adequacy Committee
30 consisting of twenty-two (22) members.

31 (2) The following members shall be appointed by the ~~Joint~~
32 ~~Committee on Educational Adequacy by a majority of a quorum~~ House and Senate
33 cochairs of the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health,
34 Welfare, and Labor:

35 (A) One (1) member who is a pediatrician;

36 (B) One (1) member who is a school nurse currently working



1 in a public elementary school in this state;

2 (C) One (1) member who is a school nurse currently working
3 in a public junior high school or high school in this state;

4 (D) One (1) member currently practicing dentistry in this
5 state;

6 (E) One (1) member currently working as a classroom
7 teacher in a public elementary school in this state and who is a member of
8 the Arkansas Education Association;

9 (F) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Minority
10 Health Commission; ~~and~~

11 (G) One (1) member to represent the community health
12 agencies; and

13 (H) Two (2) members each of whom has a child in a public
14 school in this state.

15 (3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint
16 one (1) member currently working as a principal of a public elementary
17 school.

18 (4) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint one
19 (1) member currently working as a teacher in a public elementary school.

20 ~~(5) The chairperson of the House Interim Committee on Public~~
21 ~~Health, Welfare, and Labor shall appoint one (1) member who has a child in a~~
22 ~~public school in this state.~~

23 ~~(6) The chairperson of the Senate Interim Committee on Public~~
24 ~~Health, Welfare, and Labor shall appoint one (1) member who has a child in a~~
25 ~~public school in this state.~~

26 ~~(7)~~(5) The Director of the Department of Health shall nominate
27 to the ~~Joint Committee on Educational Adequacy by a majority of a quorum~~
28 House and Senate cochairs of the House and Senate Interim Committees on
29 Public Health, Welfare, and Labor:

30 (A) One (1) member to represent the Department of Health;

31 (B) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Academy of
32 Pediatrics;

33 (C) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Academy of
34 Family Practice;

35 (D) One (1) member to represent the College of Public
36 Health of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;

1 (E) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Center for
 2 Health Improvement; and

3 (F) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Advocates for
 4 Children and Families.

5 ~~(8)(6)~~ The Director of the Department of Education shall
 6 nominate to the ~~Joint Committee on Educational Adequacy~~ House and Senate
 7 cochairs of the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health,
 8 Welfare, and Labor:

9 (A) One (1) member to represent the Department of
 10 Education;

11 (B) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas School Nurses
 12 Association;

13 (C) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Association
 14 of Educational Administrators; and

15 (D) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Parent
 16 Teacher Association.

17 ~~(9)(7)~~ The Department of Human Services shall nominate to the
 18 ~~Joint Committee on Educational Adequacy~~ House and Senate cochairs of the
 19 House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor one
 20 (1) member to represent the ARKids First program.

21 ~~(b)(1) The nominations under subdivisions (a)(7)-(9) of this section~~
 22 ~~shall be subject to confirmation by the Joint Committee on Educational~~
 23 ~~Adequacy.~~

24 ~~(2)(A) If the Joint Committee on Educational Adequacy does not~~
 25 ~~confirm a nominee, the recommending agency shall nominate within five (5)~~
 26 ~~business days another individual with the same qualifications.~~

27 ~~(B) If the second recommendation is not confirmed, the~~
 28 ~~Joint Committee on Educational Adequacy shall appoint an individual to~~
 29 ~~represent the recommending agency by vote of a majority of a quorum of the~~
 30 ~~Joint Committee on Educational Adequacy.~~

31 ~~(e)(1)~~ (b)(1) The ~~Joint Committee on Educational Adequacy~~ House and
 32 Senate cochairs of the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health,
 33 Welfare, and Labor shall appoint a chairperson for the Legislative Health
 34 Adequacy Committee.

35 (2) The ~~chairperson~~ cochairs shall call the first meeting within
 36 thirty (30) days of the appointments by the ~~Joint Committee on Educational~~

1 ~~Adequacy by a majority of a quorum~~ House and Senate cochairs of the House and
 2 Senate Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor.

3 (3) The Legislative Health Adequacy Committee shall select from
 4 its membership a secretary and treasurer.

5 ~~(d)(1)(c)(1)~~ Any position on the Legislative Health Adequacy Committee
 6 for which no nomination or appointment has been made by May 15, 2003 2004, or
 7 within fifteen (15) business days of ~~May 6, 2003~~ the effective date of this
 8 act, shall be filled by appointment by the ~~Joint Committee on Educational~~
 9 Adequacy House and Senate cochairs of the House and Senate Interim Committees
 10 on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor.

11 (2) A majority vote of those members present shall be required
 12 for any action of the Legislative Health Adequacy Committee.

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 14 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-37-103(b) and (c), concerning duties of
 15 the Legislative Health Adequacy Committee, are amended to read as follows:

16 (b) By September 1, ~~2003~~ 2004, the committee shall report its initial
 17 findings and strategic plan for meeting the health needs of school-age
 18 children to ~~the Joint Committee on Educational Adequacy~~, the House Interim
 19 Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the Senate Interim
 20 Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the Governor.

21 ~~(c) If the Joint Committee on Educational Adequacy ceases to exist~~
 22 ~~before the expiration of the Legislative Health Adequacy Committee, the~~
 23 ~~Legislative Health Adequacy Committee shall report further findings to the~~
 24 ~~House Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the Senate~~
 25 ~~Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the Governor.~~