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# A Bill

Call Item 4

HOUSE BILL 1121

By: Representative J. Johnson

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

## Subtitle

AN ACT TO AMEND THE APPOINTMENT  
STRUCTURE OF THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE; TO COORDINATE  
EFFORTS TO COMBAT INADEQUATE HEALTHY  
CARE ON THE EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE OF  
CHILDREN.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-37-102(a) through (d), establishing the  
Legislative Health Adequacy Committee, are amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

(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;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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