

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 2720

5 By: Representative Mahony
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8
9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A COMMISSIONER
10 OF EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A
14 COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-11-102 is amended to read as follows:

21 6-11-102. Director of the Department of Education.

22 (a) Subject to confirmation by the Governor, the State Board of
23 Education is empowered to employ a person to act as the ~~Director of the~~
24 ~~Department of Education~~ Commissioner of Education, who shall serve ~~at the~~
25 ~~pleasure of the Governor~~ in the best educational interests of the children of
26 the State of Arkansas.

27 (b) The ~~director~~ Commissioner of Education shall devote all of his or
28 her time to the duties of his or her office, shall act as an agent of the
29 board, and perform other duties as are designated by the board and by
30 statute.

31 (c)(1) The person selected as the ~~director~~ Commissioner of Education
32 or any person serving as an interim commissioner must:

33 (A) Be a person of good moral character, recognized as a
34 leader in the field of education, and qualified technically and by experience
35 to direct the work of the Department of Education;

36 (B) Hold the master's degree from an accredited



1 institution;

2 (C) Have had ten (10) years' experience as a teacher, five
3 (5) of which must be of an administrative or supervisory nature; and

4 (D) Hold a valid state teacher's certificate.

5 (2) No person who is related within the fourth degree of
6 consanguinity or affinity to any member of the board shall be eligible to
7 serve as ~~director~~ Commissioner of Education.

8 (d) It is the specific intention of this act to define and declare the
9 ~~director~~ Commissioner of Education to be the employee of the State Board of
10 Education.

11 (e)(1) The ~~director~~ Commissioner of Education, or a disbursing agent
12 designated by him or her and approved by the board, shall give bond to the
13 State of Arkansas as provided by law for other disbursing agents conditioned
14 for the faithful performance of his or her duties and the faithful accounting
15 for all the school money of the state, of any county, or of any school
16 district that may come into his or her hands.

17 (2) The bond shall be in a solvent surety company having a right
18 to do business in the State of Arkansas and shall be approved by the board.

19 (3) The premium on the bond shall be paid by the board as one of
20 the expenses of the board.

21 (f) The state shall furnish the ~~director~~ Commissioner of Education
22 with suitable offices.

23 (g) The person serving as the Director of the Department of Education
24 immediately prior to the effective date of this subdivision (g) shall become
25 the Commissioner of Education and shall continue to have all the rights,
26 powers, appointments, and duties as are currently assigned to him or her as
27 the Director of the Department of Education.

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/s/ Mahony