

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 2923

5 By: Representative Verkamp
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 *AN ACT TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS*
10 *COMMISSION ON EYE AND VISION CARE OF SCHOOL AGE*
11 *CHILDREN; TO REQUIRE NOTICE TO MEMBERS PRIOR TO*
12 *MEETINGS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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14 **Subtitle**

15 *AN ACT TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE*
16 *ARKANSAS COMMISSION ON EYE AND VISION*
17 *CARE OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN AND TO*
18 *REQUIRE NOTICE TO MEMBERS PRIOR TO*
19 *MEETINGS.*

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 *SECTION 1. Uncodified Section 2 of Act 755 of 2003 is amended to read*
25 *as follows:*

26 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Commission on Eye and Vision Care of School Age*
27 *Children.*

28 *(a)(1) There is established the Arkansas Commission on Eye and Vision*
29 *Care of School Age Children to be composed of seventeen (17) members.*

30 *(2) The following members shall be appointed by the Governor:*

31 *(A) Four (4) optometrists;*

32 *(B) ~~Two (2)~~ Three (3) ophthalmologists selected from a*
33 *list of at least six (6) ophthalmologists recommended by the Arkansas*
34 *Ophthalmological Society; and*

35 *~~(C) One (1) pediatrician;~~*

36 *~~(D)~~(C) One (1) school nurse who is currently working in a*



1 public elementary school in this state;

2 ~~(E)~~(D) One (1) person currently working as a principal in
3 a public elementary school in this state; and

4 ~~(F)~~(E) One (1) person currently working as a classroom
5 teacher in a public elementary school in this state.

6 (3) The following members shall be appointed by the Speaker of
7 the House of Representatives:

8 (A) One (1) family practice physician selected from a list
9 of family practice physicians recommended by the Arkansas Academy of Family
10 Physicians; and

11 (B) One (1) principal of a public elementary school.

12 (4) The following members shall be appointed by the President
13 Pro Tempore of the Senate:

14 (A) One (1) ~~family practice physician~~ pediatrician selected
15 from a list of pediatricians recommended by the Arkansas Chapter of the
16 American Academy of Pediatricians; and

17 (B) One (1) teacher in a public elementary school.

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

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

24 (7) The optometrist serving on the State Board of Health shall
25 also be a member of the board and shall serve as a liaison to the Department
26 of Health.

27 (b)(1) The Governor shall designate one (1) of the ~~optometrist~~
28 appointees to serve as chairperson of the commission.

29 (2) The members of the commission shall select from their
30 membership, a vice chairperson, a secretary, and a treasurer.

31 (c)(1) The first meeting shall be held within thirty (30) days of the
32 appointment of the members by the Governor, and shall be called by the
33 chairperson.

34 (2) The chairperson shall provide written notice to all members
35 of commission at least fourteen (14) days prior to each meeting.

36 (d)(1) A majority of the membership of the commission shall constitute

1 a quorum.

2 (2) A majority vote of those members present shall be required
3 for any action of the commission.

4 (e) Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in
5 the same manner as is provided in this section for initial appointments.

6 (f) To the extent that moneys are made available for that purpose, the
7 members of the commission may receive expense reimbursement in accordance
8 with Arkansas Code § 25-16-902.

9 (g) The term of each member appointed to the commission prior to
10 June 30, 2005 shall expire on June 30, 2005 and each member shall be eligible
11 for reappointment to the commission.

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13 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
14 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Arkansas Commission on Eye
15 and Vision Care of School Age Children expires on June 30, 2005; that the
16 commission has new responsibilities concerning eye and vision screenings for
17 children that cannot be completed by June 30, 2005; that other legislation is
18 pending to extend the commission for an additional two (2) years; that if the
19 commission is extended, the goals of the commission will be better met by a
20 change in the composition of the commission; and that it is necessary that
21 this act become effective on June 30, 2005, in order for the commission to
22 continue its mission. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this
23 act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and
24 safety shall become effective on June 30, 2005.

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26 /s/ Verkamp
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