

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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## 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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## Subtitle

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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 who is a medical doctor and who is  
10 appointed prior to June 30, 2005, shall expire on June 30, 2005, and the  
11 member shall be eligible 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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