

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

SENATE BILL 490

5 By: Senator J. Bookout
6 By: Representative Mahony
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO PERMIT THE CREATION OF A POSITION FOR A
11 SCHOOL DISTRICT COORDINATOR FOR COUNTIES WITH SIX
12 (6) OR MORE SCHOOL DISTRICTS LOCATED IN THE
13 COUNTY; TO CREATE AN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO PROMOTE
14 COOPERATION AMONG THE VARIOUS SCHOOL DISTRICTS
15 LOCATED IN THE SAME COUNTY; AND FOR OTHER
16 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

18 AN ACT TO PERMIT THE CREATION OF A
19 POSITION FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT
20 COORDINATOR FOR COUNTIES WITH SIX (6) OR
21 MORE SCHOOL DISTRICTS LOCATED IN THE
22 COUNTY.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Section 12, Chapter 3 is amended to
29 add sections to read as follows:

30 6-12-315. School district coordinator.

31 (a) Any county containing all or part of six (6) or more school
32 districts may create:

33 (1) An executive council; and

34 (2) The position of school district coordinator if a majority of
35 the school districts in the county pass a resolution requesting the creation
36 of the position of school district coordinator.



1 (b) The executive council may be made up of one (1) superintendent
2 from each school in the county and who may organize themselves in a manner to
3 allow for meetings among superintendents in the county for the purpose of
4 coordinating the business of the respective schools districts in a
5 coordinated manner within the county.

6 (c) The school district coordinator may:

7 (1) Record the certificates of teachers as required by law;

8 (2) Be a representative of the State Board of Education and
9 shall perform duties as may be required by the State Board of Education;

10 (3) Keep a record of the contracts made with teachers;

11 (4) Assume and perform all of the duties of the county board of
12 education or county supervisor as in existence on January 1, 2005;

13 (5) Cooperate with the Department of Education in carrying out
14 the budgetary regulations and procedures pertaining to school districts in
15 the county as prescribed by the State Board of Education or by law;

16 (6) Keep in the school district coordinator's office and file
17 with the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System and the
18 State Board of Education not later than October 15 of each year a list of all
19 teachers employed in the county for the ensuing year, setting forth the type
20 of certificate held by each teacher, the teacher's monthly contract salary,
21 whether the teacher is a member of the system, and other information as the
22 State Board of Education may deem necessary;

23 (7) Cause to be set aside from funds in the county general
24 school fund amounts necessary for the expenses of the executive council; and

25 (8) Perform other duties related to the school districts in the
26 county as may be requested by the executive council.

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28 6-12-317. Salary.

29 (a)(1) Each executive council may determine the salary of the school
30 district coordinator and allowances for travel, clerical support, and office
31 and other expenses.

32 (2) The county shall provide office space and other appropriate
33 facilities to the school district coordinator and his or her staff at the
34 county seat free of charge as was previously provided to the county school
35 supervisor and county board of education.

36 (b) The chair of the executive council may call a meeting in June each

1 year for the consideration of these matters.

2 (c) All allowances for office expense, travel, and clerical support
3 shall be based upon detailed budgets submitted by the school district
4 coordinator and approved by the executive committee.

5 (d) With the approval of the executive council, the school district
6 coordinator is authorized to hire necessary clerical and other assistants.

7 (e) The allowances to the school district coordinator and members of
8 the executive committee for travel expense, meals, and hotels shall not be in
9 excess of the allowance for state employees.

10 (f)(1) The expense allowed under this section may be paid from the
11 unapportioned county general school fund to a special fund by the county
12 treasurer, or the common fund of the county or any other source.

13 (2) Payments allowed under this section shall be made only after
14 presentation of invoices, statements, itemized expense accounts, or payroll
15 vouchers signed by the school district coordinator and the chair of executive
16 council.

17 (g) If the person employed as the school district coordinator was
18 previously employed in a position that was eligible to participate in the
19 Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, the school district coordinator shall be
20 eligible to continue to participate in the Arkansas Teacher Retirement
21 System.

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23 /s/ J. Bookout
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