

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

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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11 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ACADEMIC FACILITIES REVIEW
12 BOARD; TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH AN
13 ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING ON THE
14 DETERMINATION REGARDING STATE FINANCIAL
15 PARTICIPATION FOR ACADEMIC FACILITIES PROJECTS;
16 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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19 TO ESTABLISH AN ACADEMIC FACILITIES
20 REVIEW BOARD AND TO PROVIDE AN
21 ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING ON
22 ACADEMIC FACILITIES PROJECTS.
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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 § 6-20-2513 is amended to read as follows:
29 6-20-2513. Appeals.

30 (a) A public school district may appeal:

31 (1) A determination of the Division of Public School Academic
32 Facilities and Transportation under this subchapter to the Academic
33 Facilities Review Board in accordance with procedures developed by the board
34 under § 6-20-2516; and

35 (2) A school district may appeal any determination of the
36 Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation under this



1 ~~subchapter A~~ decision of the board to the Commission for Arkansas Public
2 School Academic Facilities and Transportation in accordance with procedures
3 developed by the commission.

4 (3) The public school district shall provide to the board a copy
5 of the request for appeal when it files the request with the commission.

6 (b) All decisions of the commission resulting from a public school
7 district's appeal of a ~~division determination~~ decision of the board under
8 this subchapter shall be final and shall not be subject to further appeal or
9 request for rehearing to the commission or petition for judicial review under
10 the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

11 (c) The committee shall provide the appellant public school district
12 an opportunity to testify before the committee regarding the commission's
13 decision.

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15 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 20, Subchapter 25, is
16 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

17 6-20-2516. Academic Facilities Review Board.

18 (a) There is established the Academic Facilities Review Board to hear
19 the appeal filed by a public school district under § 6-20-2513(a) of a
20 determination of the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and
21 Transportation.

22 (b)(1) The board is composed of five (5) members appointed by the
23 Governor as follows:

24 (A) One (1) member who is a licensed building contractor
25 with five (5) years or more of experience in public school construction
26 selected from a list of three (3) names submitted to the Governor by the
27 Arkansas Chapter, Associated General Contractors;

28 (B) One (1) member who is a registered architect with at
29 least five (5) years of experience in public school design selected from a
30 list of three (3) names submitted to the Governor by the Arkansas Chapter,
31 American Institute of Architects;

32 (C) One (1) member who is a licensed or registered
33 engineer with at least five (5) years of experience in public school
34 construction selected from a list of three (3) names submitted to the
35 Governor by the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers/American Council
36 of Engineering Companies of Arkansas;

1 (D) One (1) member who is selected from a list of three
 2 (3) names submitted to the Governor by the Arkansas Association of
 3 Educational Administrators; and

4 (E) One (1) member who is selected from a list of three
 5 (3) names submitted to the Governor by the Arkansas School Boards
 6 Association.

7 (2) A member of the board shall be a resident of this state at
 8 the time of appointment and throughout the member's term.

9 (3) A member of the Commission for Arkansas Public School
 10 Academic Facilities and Transportation shall not serve as a member of the
 11 commission while serving as a member of the board.

12 (c)(1)(A) Each member of the board shall serve a term of three (3)
 13 years.

14 (B) The initial members shall draw lots for staggered
 15 terms.

16 (2) The Governor shall appoint any qualified person to fill a
 17 position that is vacated before the expiration of a member's term.

18 (d)(1) The Governor shall designate one (1) member to serve as chair
 19 of the board at its organizational meeting.

20 (2) The chair or the chair's designee shall call an
 21 organizational meeting within twenty (20) calendar days after the Governor
 22 has appointed all members of the initial board.

23 (3) At the organizational meeting, the members of the board
 24 shall elect a chair, who shall serve as chair for one (1) year.

25 (4) Annually after the organizational meeting, the board shall
 26 elect a new chair.

27 (e)(1) The board shall meet upon the call of the chair when a hearing
 28 is requested by a public school district, but a meeting shall not be held
 29 outside of this state.

30 (2) All action of the board shall be by a majority vote of the
 31 quorum present at a meeting.

32 (3) A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a
 33 quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

34 (f) The Department of Education shall provide staff support for the
 35 board's activities.

36 (g)(1) Members of the board shall serve without pay.

1 (2) Members of the board may receive expense reimbursement in
2 accordance with § 25-16-902, to be paid by the department to the extent money
3 is available for that purpose.

4 (h) The board shall establish policies and procedures for conducting
5 hearing and appeals.

6 (i)(1) Following the hearing at which all testimony and evidence are
7 presented, the board shall make a final determination accepting, rejecting,
8 or modifying the determination of the division.

9 (2) Within ten (10) business days, the board shall provide to
10 the appellant public school district a notice of the board's final
11 determination.

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