

1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H4/10/13 H4/17/13

2 89th General Assembly

A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL 2055

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5 By: Representatives Hutchison, J. Edwards

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO STUDY THE CREATION OF A SCHOOL OF

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AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY TO SERVE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE (K-12);

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TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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TO STUDY THE CREATION OF A SCHOOL OF

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AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY AND TO DECLARE

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AN EMERGENCY.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Feasibility study concerning school of
23 agriculture and technology.

24 (a) The Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education
25 shall conduct a feasibility study concerning the creation of a school of
26 agriculture and technology for public school students in grades kindergarten
27 through twelve (K-12) to be known as the "Arkansas School for Agriculture and
28 Technology".

29 (b) The feasibility study shall include without limitation:

30 (1) The potential number of students to be enrolled in the
31 Arkansas School for Agriculture and Technology;

32 (2) The eligibility criteria for potential enrollment in the
33 Arkansas School for Agriculture and Technology;

34 (3) The potential costs and expenses associated with the
35 creation of the Arkansas School of Agriculture and Technology;

36 (4) The benefits that a school of agriculture and technology



1 would afford to eligible students and the State of Arkansas; and

2 (5) Potential sites for the Arkansas School of Agriculture and
3 Technology.

4 (c) The Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education
5 shall provide a report concerning the conclusions of the feasibility study
6 under this act to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee
7 on Education no later than January 1, 2014.

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9 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
10 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that this act calls for a
11 feasibility study concerning the creation of a school of agriculture and
12 technology; that a school of agriculture and technology would offer
13 extraordinary benefits to students and the State of Arkansas as a whole; and
14 that this act should become effective as soon as possible to commence the
15 feasibility study, allow for a prompt report to the House Committee on
16 Education and the Senate Committee on Education, and enable future planning.
17 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately
18 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
19 become effective on:

20 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

21 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
22 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
23 bill; or

24 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
25 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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28 /s/Hutchison
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