

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1640

By: Representative Duke

By: Senator D. Sullivan

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING ETHICAL GUIDELINES AND PROHIBITIONS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "ADMINISTRATOR" AS IT RELATES TO ETHICAL GUIDELINES AND PROHIBITIONS; TO AMEND THE RESTRICTIONS ON EMPLOYMENT SPECIFIC TO PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "ADMINISTRATOR" AS IT RELATES TO ETHICAL GUIDELINES AND PROHIBITIONS; AND TO AMEND THE RESTRICTIONS ON EMPLOYMENT SPECIFIC TO PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-24-102(1), concerning the definition of "administrator" as it relates to ethical guidelines and prohibitions, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Administrator" means ~~any~~ a superintendent or assistant superintendent or his or her equivalent, school district treasurer, business manager, principal, assistant principal, curriculum director, or other individual directly responsible for entity-wide purchasing;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-24-102(16), concerning the definition of "public educational entity" as it relates to ethical guidelines and



prohibitions, is amended to read as follows:

(16)(A) "Public educational entity" means Arkansas public school districts, public schools, charter schools, education service cooperatives, or any publicly supported entity having supervision over public educational entities.

(B) "Public educational entity" does not include institutions of higher education.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-24-111(a)(1), concerning restrictions on employment of an administrator, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Unless written approval is granted by the public school district board of directors currently employing an administrator and the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, it is a breach of the ethical standards of this chapter for administrators to be or become the employee, agent, or independent contractor of any party contracting with the public educational entity the administrators serve.

/s/Duke

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