

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2055

By: Representatives Hutchison, J. Edwards

For An Act To Be Entitled

*AN ACT TO STUDY THE CREATION OF A SCHOOL OF
AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY TO SERVE PUBLIC SCHOOL
STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE (K-12);
TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

*TO STUDY THE CREATION OF A SCHOOL OF
AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY AND TO DECLARE
AN EMERGENCY.*

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

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

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

(b) The feasibility study shall include without limitation:

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

/s/Hutchison