

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

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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 1062

By: Senator S. Flowers

### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE USE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES; TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF SCHOOL COMMUNITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### **Subtitle**

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE USE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES; AND TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF SCHOOL COMMUNITIES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-21-101 is amended to read as follows:

6-21-101. Authority to permit use of public school buildings for community purposes.

(a) The General Assembly finds that the use of a public school facility under this section:

(1) Promotes the education, health, and well-being of the communities where schools are located; and

(2) Is an intended purpose for the use of school property under Arkansas Constitution, Article 14, § 2.

(b)(1) The board of directors of any a school district may permit the use of the public schoolhouse for social, civic, and recreational purposes or any other community purpose, including any lawful meetings of its citizens, provided such meetings do not interfere with the regular school work, and the



directors may make a charge therefor if they deem it proper to do so members of the community to use land or public school facilities owned or operated by the school district for a community purpose, including without limitation:

- (A) A social event;
- (B) A civic event;
- (C) Recreation;
- (D) Health and wellness activities; and
- (E) A lawful meeting of the citizens of the community.

(2) Community activities permitted at school facilities or on school land shall not interfere with an instructional day at the school where the community activities are held.

(c) To offset the cost of community use of school land or a public school facility, a school district may:

- (1) Charge a fee;
- (2) Accept gifts, grants, and donations from private sources, from municipal and county governments, from the state, and from the federal government; or

(3) Enter into a joint use agreement with a public agency, public entity, private entity, or nonprofit organization, for shared use and responsibility of the school land or public school facility.

*/s/S. Flowers*