

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1913

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS
CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE
ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL
FACILITIES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2511, concerning high growth school districts, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(h)(1) The commission shall annually determine which school districts qualify as high-growth school districts under this section.

(2) Annually, by November 1, the commission shall prepare a list of the qualified school districts and:

(A) Submit the list to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education; and

(B) Post the list on the website of the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2514(c), concerning the Academic Facilities Extraordinary Circumstances Program, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The division shall report to the ~~General Assembly by January 15, 2007~~ House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education by



October 15, 2015, on the development of the Academic Facilities Extraordinary Circumstances Program and shall obtain formal legislative approval before implementing the Academic Facilities Extraordinary Circumstances Program.

*SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2515 is amended to read as follows:
6-20-2515. Review conferences.*

(a) ~~After February 1, 2008,~~ a At least sixty (60) days before the application deadline, a district may request and be granted by the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation a review conference that shall be held within twenty (20) working days after the date of request.

(b) The district may be advised through the review conference process by an architectural and engineering firm if the school district pays the cost for the advice from the architectural and engineering firm.

(c) The review conference shall consider the following:

(1) That the proposed project is academic;

(2) The application of the space calculation to the project agreed upon by the district and the division;

(3) The wealth index of the district and the date at which the wealth index will be applied to the partnership project if approved;

(4) The project cost promulgated by the Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation under § 6-20-2509 for the project and the date on which the project cost data will be applied to the partnership project if approved; ~~and~~

(5) A projected amount of state funding based on current application of the wealth index and the project cost promulgated by the commission under § 6-20-2509 to the planned project for planning purposes to allow a projection of local funding share required; and

(6) Whether or not the proposed application meets all of the technical requirements for partnership applications as set out in the application guidelines and rules provided by the division before each partnership application cycle.

(d) The division shall make a written record of the findings of the review conference and provide a copy of the written record to the school district within five (5) working days after the written record is finalized.

/s/C. Douglas