

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1576

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM CONCERNING APPROVED BUT UNFUNDED
NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC
FACILITIES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM CONCERNING
APPROVED BUT UNFUNDED NEW CONSTRUCTION
PROJECTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2507, concerning the Academic Facilities Partnership Program, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(h)(1)(A) If the state's financial participation in any new construction projects under any of the funding categories becomes void under this section for any reason, the division shall reallocate the funds during the current project funding cycle to the approved but unfunded new construction projects that hold the highest position of priority in the current project funding cycle.

(B) If funds become available for a new construction project under subdivision (h)(1)(A) of this section, the public school district may:

(i) Accept the funding and proceed with the new construction project; or

(ii)(a) Refuse the funding.



(b) If a public school district refuses the funding under subdivision (h)(1)(B)(ii)(a) of this section because the available funds would not fully fund the new construction project, the new construction project shall maintain its position of priority.

(c) If a public school district refuses the funding under subdivision (h)(1)(B)(ii)(a) of this section, the division shall reallocate the funds to the new construction project holding the next highest position of priority.

(2) The division shall continue to reallocate the funds under subdivision (h)(1) of this section until:

(A) The funds are exhausted; or

(B)(i) The remaining funds will not fully fund during the current project funding cycle any approved but unfunded new construction projects.

(ii) Any remaining funds under subdivision (h)(2)(B)(i) of this section shall be considered general funds of the program.

/s/C. Douglas