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A Bill

SENATE BILL 449

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE; TO
AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE WITH RESPECT TO
THE COMPOSITION OF THE SAFE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
WITH RESPECT TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE
SAFE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1301(a) and (b), concerning the composition of the Safe Schools Committee, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The Department of Education ~~is directed to~~ shall create a Safe Schools Committee.

(b)(1) The Safe Schools Committee shall be composed of the following individuals:

(A) ~~Two (2)~~ One (1) classroom ~~teachers~~ teacher appointed by the Arkansas Education Association;

(B) Two (2) school administrators appointed by the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators;

(C) Two (2) school district board members appointed by the Arkansas School Boards Association;

(D) A staff member of the department appointed by the Commissioner of Education;



(E) A school safety specialist, employed by an Arkansas school district, appointed by the commissioner;

(F) One (1) school counselor appointed by the Arkansas Counseling Association; ~~and~~

(G) ~~One (1) additional person knowledgeable in the field of school safety appointed by the commissioner~~ The director of the Criminal Justice Institute and of the Arkansas Center for School Safety, or his or her designee;

(H) One (1) classroom teacher appointed by the Arkansas State Teachers Association;

(I) The Director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, or his or her designee;

(J) The Director of the Arkansas Public School Resource Center, Inc., or his or her designee;

(K) A chief of police or a sheriff appointed by the commissioner;

(L) The Director of the Arkansas Rural Ed Association, or his or her designee;

(M) The State Fire Marshall, or his or her designee;

(N) One (1) school psychologist appointed by the Arkansas School Psychology Association; and

(O) One (1) director of an Arkansas education service cooperative appointed by the commissioner.

(2) The Chair of the House Committee on Education and the Chair of the Senate Committee on Education or their designees shall serve as ex officio members of the Safe Schools Committee.