

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 681

By: Senator Elliott

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC TAX DOLLAR
TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2019; TO CLARIFY THE FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT OF 1967 AS IT RELATES TO PUBLIC
SCHOOLS; TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO COMPLY WITH THE
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CLARIFY THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
OF 1967 AS IT RELATES TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS;
AND TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO COMPLY
WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF
1967.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 10, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-10-133. Arkansas Public Tax Dollar Transparency Act of 2019.

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas Public Tax Dollar Transparency Act of 2019".

(b)(1) As used in this section, "management entity" means an eligible entity as defined under § 6-23-103 that operates an open-enrollment public charter school as authorized under § 6-23-303.

(2) An entity is not a "management entity" solely because it contracts with an open-enrollment public charter school to provide to the open-enrollment public charter school goods or services that are performed at



the direction of the governing body of the open-enrollment public charter school and for which the governing body retains ultimate decision-making authority.

(c)(1) The following entities shall comply with the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq., to the same extent as required by kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) public schools:

(A) Management entities;

(B) Open-enrollment public charter schools; and

(C) Private schools that receive state funds.

(2) The requirement under subdivision (c)(1) of this section includes without limitation the following provisions of the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.:

(A) Examination and copying of public records under § 25-19-105; and

(B) Open public meetings under § 25-19-106.

(d) Unless otherwise required by law, the requirement under subdivision (c)(1) shall not apply to a management entity when it is engaging in activities unrelated to the operation of an open-enrollment public charter school.