

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1337

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES FUNDING ACT; TO CLASSIFY A BUILDING OR SPACE USED FOR A PUBLIC EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM AS AN ACADEMIC FACILITY UNDER THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES FUNDING ACT; TO CLASSIFY A BUILDING OR SPACE USED AS A SAFE ROOM FOR STUDENTS AS AN ACADEMIC FACILITY UNDER THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES FUNDING ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CLASSIFY A BUILDING OR SPACE USED FOR A PUBLIC EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM OR FOR A SAFE ROOM FOR STUDENTS AS AN ACADEMIC FACILITY UNDER THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES FUNDING ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2502(2)(C), concerning the exclusion of buildings or spaces used for prekindergarten education from the definition of "academic facility" under the Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities Fund Act, is amended to read as follows:

(C) Buildings or spaces, including related areas such as the physical plant and grounds, used for ~~prekindergarten education~~ a public



early childhood educational program as defined in § 20-78-801 shall ~~not~~ be considered academic facilities for the purposes of this subchapter.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2502(2), concerning the definition of "academic facility" under the Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities Fund Act, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(E)(i) A building, space, or related area used as a safe room for students shall be considered an academic facility for purposes of this subchapter.

(ii) For purposes of this subchapter, "safe room" means a building, space, or related area that is designed for the purpose of keeping its occupants separated from a natural or manmade intrusion that poses a risk to the safety of the occupants of the safe room.