

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
2 81st General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1997

A Bill

ACT 748 OF 1997
HOUSE BILL 1779

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5 By: Representatives Cook, Bond, and Choate
6 By: Senator Malone

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM
10 COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION AND THE GENERAL EDUCATION DIVISION
11 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE VOCATIONAL AND
12 TECHNICAL EDUCATION DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
13 EDUCATION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION WILL
14 COLLABORATE ROUTINELY AND CONTINUOUSLY THROUGHOUT THE
15 BIENNIUM IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF
16 THE SCHOOL CHILDREN OF THIS STATE ARE PROVIDED FOR IN THE
17 MOST TIMELY AND EFFICIENT ACTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
18 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

21 "INTERIM COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION,
22 GENERAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL/
23 TECHNICAL EDUCATION DIVISION OF
24 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND HIGHER
25 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO ROUTINELY
26 COLLABORATE DURING INTERIM."

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28 WHEREAS, the imposition of term limits on members of the General
29 Assembly make it imperative that there occur a routine and continual dialogue
30 between the members of the General Assembly and the executive branch
31 bureaucracy; and

32 WHEREAS, the funding and management of our public schools is a
33 complicated and highly costly undertaking which necessitates a continual
34 involvement by members of the General Assembly when not in session; and

35 WHEREAS, the best method of keeping the membership of the General
36 Assembly informed as to needs and problems of our public schools is for the

1 House and Senate Interim Committees on Education to routinely and continually
 2 engage in a dialogue with the General Education Division of the Department of
 3 Education, the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the Department
 4 of Education, the Department of Higher Education and other state agencies
 5 which the committee deems appropriate.

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7 NOW THEREFORE,

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

9 SECTION 1. The House and Senate Interim Committees on Education shall
 10 continually and routinely between legislative sessions, assess the needs and
 11 problems of the public school districts of this state, vocational/technical
 12 institutions and institutions of higher education and engage in a constant
 13 dialogue with the General Education Division for the Department of Education,
 14 the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the Department of Education
 15 and the Department of Higher Education. In order to assist the General
 16 Assembly, the General Education Division for the Department of Education, the
 17 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the Department of Education and
 18 the Department of Higher Education shall not only respond to the inquiries of
 19 the House and Senate Education Committees, but shall of their own motion alert
 20 the membership of the committees to problems, needs, and recommendations of
 21 all public education endeavors in Arkansas.

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23 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
 24 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
 25 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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27 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
 28 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
 29 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
 30 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
 31 act are declared to be severable.

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33 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
 34 hereby repealed.

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