

Hall of the House of Representatives
85th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2005
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2923

"AN ACT RELATED TO THE ARKANSAS COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ADEQUACY
OF EYE HEALTH, VISION CARE, VISION SCREENING, AND THE EFFECTS OF
INADEQUATE VISION ON THE EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE OF CHILDREN IN THE
ARKANSAS SCHOOL SYSTEMS."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2923.

Amend House Bill No. 2923 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete the title and substitute:

"AN ACT TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS COMMISSION ON EYE AND VISION CARE OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN; TO REQUIRE NOTICE TO MEMBERS PRIOR TO MEETINGS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Page 1, delete the subtitle and substitute:

"AN ACT TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS COMMISSION ON EYE AND VISION CARE OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN AND TO REQUIRE NOTICE TO MEMBERS PRIOR TO MEETINGS."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 27 through 29 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Uncodified Section 2 of Act 755 of 2003 is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2. Arkansas Commission on Eye and Vision Care of School Age Children.

(a)(1) There is established the Arkansas Commission on Eye and Vision Care of School Age Children to be composed of seventeen (17) members.

(2) The following members shall be appointed by the Governor:

(A) Four (4) optometrists;

(B) ~~Two (2)~~ Three (3) ophthalmologists selected from a list of at least six (6) ophthalmologists recommended by the Arkansas Ophthalmological Society; and

~~(C) One (1) pediatrician;~~

~~(D)~~ (C) One (1) school nurse who is currently working in a public elementary school in this state;



~~(E)~~(D) One (1) person currently working as a principal in a public elementary school in this state; and

~~(F)~~(E) One (1) person currently working as a classroom teacher in a public elementary school in this state.

(3) The following members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

(A) One (1) family practice physician selected from a list of family practice physicians recommended by the Arkansas Academy of Family Physicians; and

(B) One (1) principal of a public elementary school.

(4) The following members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate:

(A) One (1) ~~family practice physician~~ pediatrician selected from a list of pediatricians recommended by the Arkansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatricians; and

(B) One (1) teacher in a public elementary school.

(5) The chairperson of the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor shall appoint one (1) member who has a child in a public school in this state.

(6) The chairperson of the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor shall appoint one (1) member who has a child in a public school in this state.

(7) The optometrist serving on the State Board of Health shall also be a member of the board and shall serve as a liaison to the Department of Health.

(b)(1) The Governor shall designate one (1) of the ~~optometrist~~ appointees to serve as chairperson of the commission.

(2) The members of the commission shall select from their membership, a vice chairperson, a secretary, and a treasurer.

(c)(1) The first meeting shall be held within thirty (30) days of the appointment of the members by the Governor, and shall be called by the chairperson.

(2) The chairperson shall provide written notice to all members of commission at least fourteen (14) days prior to each meeting.

(d)(1) A majority of the membership of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

(2) A majority vote of those members present shall be required for any action of the commission.

(e) Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as is provided in this section for initial appointments.

(f) To the extent that moneys are made available for that purpose, the members of the commission may receive expense reimbursement in accordance with Arkansas Code § 25-16-902.

(g) The term of each member appointed to the commission prior to June 30, 2005 shall expire on June 30, 2005 and each member shall be eligible for reappointment to the commission.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Arkansas Commission on Eye and Vision Care of School Age Children expires on June 30, 2005; that the commission has new responsibilities concerning eye and vision screenings for children that cannot be completed by June 30, 2005; that other legislation is

pending to extend the commission for an additional two (2) years; that if the commission is extended, the goals of the commission will be better met by a change in the composition of the commission; and that it is necessary that this act become effective on June 30, 2005, in order for the commission to continue its mission. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on June 30, 2005."

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Verkamp
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