

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 788

5 By: Senators Bradford, Edwards
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 "AN ACT AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
11 ANNOTATED TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO FINANCE
12 SCHOOL FACILITIES TO SHARE UNDER A COMPACT FOR
13 ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, SECONDARY AREA
14 VOCATIONAL CENTERS, AND COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION
15 PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

18 "TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO FINANCE
19 FACILITIES TO SHARE UNDER A COMPACT FOR
20 ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS,
21 SECONDARY AREA VOCATIONAL CENTERS, AND
22 COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION. "

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

27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-13-801 is amended to read as follows:

28 "6-13-801. Authorization.

29 (a) Any two (2) or more school districts in this state are authorized
30 to enter into compacts, as authorized by this subchapter, to share or provide
31 educational facilities, resources, and opportunities, including without
32 limitation alternative educational programs, secondary area vocational
33 centers, and community-based education programs, that the boards of directors
34 of the compacting school districts determine may be better and more
35 efficiently provided by such compact agreements rather than by each district
36 acting in its individual capacity.

1 (b) If all of the school districts that have entered into a compact are
2 within the service area of the same education service cooperative, that
3 education service cooperative is also authorized to enter into the compact.

4 (c) The members of the compact may jointly enter into lease agreements
5 for the purpose of renting facilities."

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7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 6-13-1017(c) is amended to read as follows:

8 "(c) Education service cooperatives may provide shared educational
9 programs and services such as needs assessment and school improvement
10 planning, staff development, curriculum development, itinerant teachers,
11 instructional materials, adult and vocational education, programs for gifted
12 and talented, education for children with disabilities, alternative
13 educational programs, secondary area vocational centers, community-based
14 education programs and other services which the State Board of Education may
15 approve or which school districts may support with local funds."

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17 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 6-18-204 is amended to read as follows:

18 "6-18-204. Attendance in another district - Conditions.

19 (a) The title of this section shall be 'An Act Making It Legal for a
20 Student Living in One School District to Attend School in Another School
21 District Under Specified Conditions.'

22 (b) A student may attend school in another district under the following
23 conditions:

24 (1) A student in grades nine through twelve (9-12) inclusive may
25 attend school in another district for the purpose of enrolling for courses
26 that will constitute not more than fifty percent (50%) of the classes taken by
27 him or her during the school day~~;~~

28 (2) Such classes shall be limited to those that are not offered
29 by the student's home district and are required by the student to meet his or
30 her educational objectives~~;~~

31 (3) In order to qualify for such attendance, the student shall
32 file a projected course of study with his or her principal or school counselor
33 prior to enrollment in another school, and subsequent enrollment may be
34 entered into only after it is determined that the desired courses cannot be
35 taken in the home district~~;~~ and

36 (4) The resident district of a student taking advantage of the

1 provisions of this section shall pay tuition to the district that student
2 attends in an amount not less than a proportion of the home district's state
3 equalization funding per student equal to a ratio that the number of classes
4 taken by a student outside his or her home district bears to the number of
5 total classes taken by the student.

6 (5)(A) A student wishing to take advantage of the provisions of
7 this subsection must have permission of the receiving district in order to
8 enroll in that district.

9 (B) The amount of tuition shall be agreed upon by both
10 districts prior to enrollment in the receiving district, except that if an
11 agreement cannot be reached by the opening date of the receiving school, an
12 appeal shall be made to the Assistant Director of Public School Finance of the
13 Department of Education within thirty (30) days from the opening date of
14 school, and his decision shall be final.

15 (C) Under these conditions, the student may enroll at the
16 beginning date of school in the receiving district.

17 (c)(1) A student may attend school in another district for the purposes
18 of enrolling for alternative education programs, secondary area vocational
19 centers, or community-based education programs for which the resident district
20 has entered into a compact with another district.

21 (2) The resident district of a student taking advantage of the
22 provisions of this subsection shall pay tuition to the district or education
23 service cooperative that is the administrative agency for the compact program,
24 in the amount agreed upon the compact, or as required by state regulation.

25 ~~(e)(d)~~ Attendance of a student enrolled in another school under the
26 provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall be counted for
27 state aid purposes by the student's home resident district.

28 ~~(d)(e)~~ Eligibility for participation in inter-school activities by any
29 such student shall be in accordance with regulations of the Arkansas
30 Activities Association.

31 ~~(e) The resident district of a student taking advantage of the~~
32 ~~provisions of this section shall pay tuition to the district which the student~~
33 ~~attends in an amount not less than a proportion of the home district's state~~
34 ~~aid table rate equal to a ratio that the number of classes taken by a student~~
35 ~~outside his or her home district bears to the number of total classes taken by~~
36 ~~the student.~~

