

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the Arkansas Constitution.

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7 **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

8 AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO BE KNOWN
9 AS THE "PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP AMENDMENT OF
10 2018"; AND PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 14,
11 SECTION 1 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE THE
12 STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO MAINTAIN A
13 GENERAL, SUITABLE, AND EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF FREE
14 PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE PERSONS RESIDING WITHIN THE
15 PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND OTHER PERSONS DEEMED
16 ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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19 **Subtitle**

20 THE PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP
21 AMENDMENT OF 2018.

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24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
25 STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL
26 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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28 That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of
29 the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state
30 for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives
31 and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election
32 adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of
33 the State of Arkansas, to wit:

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35 SECTION 1. This amendment shall be known and may be cited as the
36 "Public Education Partnership Amendment of 2018".



1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Constitution, Article 14, § 1, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 § 1. Free school system.

4 (a) Intelligence and virtue being the safeguards of liberty and the
5 bulwark of a free and good government, the State and each public school
6 district shall ever maintain a general, suitable and efficient system of free
7 public schools for the persons residing within the public school district and
8 other persons deemed eligible to attend the public school district and shall
9 adopt all suitable means to secure to the people the advantages and
10 opportunities of education.

11 (b) The specific intention of this amendment is to authorize that in
12 addition to existing constitutional or statutory provisions the General
13 Assembly ~~and/or~~ and public school districts may spend public funds for the
14 education of persons over twenty-one (21) years of age and under six (6)
15 years of age, as may be provided by law, and no other interpretation shall be
16 given to it.

17 (c) The following shall not be held to violate this section or other
18 provisions of this Constitution, including without limitation Article 2 of
19 this Constitution:

20 (1) The maintaining of a general, suitable, and efficient system
21 of free public schools by the State and public school districts; and

22 (2) The actions of the General Assembly as part of the
23 supervision of public schools under Article 14, § 4 of this Constitution.

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25 SECTION 3. BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME. When this proposed
26 amendment is submitted to the electors of this state on the general election
27 ballot:

28 (1) The title of this joint resolution shall be the ballot
29 title; and

30 (2) The Popular Name shall be "A Proposed Constitutional
31 Amendment, to be Known as the "Public Education Partnership Amendment of
32 2018", to Provide that the State and Public School Districts Share the
33 Responsibility of Providing a Free System of Public Schools by Requiring the
34 State and Public School Districts to Maintain a General, Suitable, and
35 Efficient System of Free Public Schools for the Persons Residing Within
36 Public School Districts and Other Persons Deemed Eligible to Attend Public

1 School Districts".
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