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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1337

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
10 FACILITIES FUNDING ACT; TO CLASSIFY A BUILDING OR
11 SPACE USED FOR A PUBLIC EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
12 PROGRAM AS AN ACADEMIC FACILITY UNDER THE ARKANSAS
13 PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES FUNDING ACT; TO
14 CLASSIFY A BUILDING OR SPACE USED AS A SAFE ROOM FOR
15 STUDENTS AS AN ACADEMIC FACILITY UNDER THE ARKANSAS
16 PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES FUNDING ACT; AND
17 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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21 TO CLASSIFY A BUILDING OR SPACE USED FOR
22 A PUBLIC EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
23 PROGRAM OR FOR A SAFE ROOM FOR STUDENTS
24 AS AN ACADEMIC FACILITY UNDER THE
25 ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
26 FACILITIES FUNDING ACT.
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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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31 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2502(2)(C), concerning the exclusion
32 of buildings or spaces used for prekindergarten education from the definition
33 of "academic facility" under the Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities
34 Fund Act, is amended to read as follows:

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



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

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

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

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