Summary of Proposed Action: (Indicate why action is necessary and the event of coordination accomplished in developing the proposal.)

No changes recommended, could be shorter and simpler

Attorney's Memo

AA - School District Legal Status (Review)

Last reviewed: 4-10-2003

Changes Proposed: None.

Impact of Charter System Status: None.

Expressly Required by Law? No.

Legal Compliance and Suggestions: The policy is not inaccurate but is neither necessary.

Policy: AA

Descriptor Code: School District Legal Status

Clarke County School District was established on January 1, 1956, under the provisions of an act passed by the General Assembly of Georgia in 1955, as authorized by Amendment to the Constitution of Georgia which was approved by the electorate in the General Election of November, 1954. Under the provisions of the act, the Clarke County School System outside the corporate limits of Athens and the Independent School System of Athens, as chartered by the General Assembly in 1875, were abolished and the Clarke County School District was established so as to constitute one school district co-extensive with the limits of Clarke County. This was, in effect, a merger of the Clarke County Schools and the Athens City Schools.

The governing authority of the Clarke County School District is the Board of Education of Clarke County composed of nine members elected from nine education districts.

Georgia Laws 1955 Session p. 3057 as amended by the General Assembly of Georgia

(Referred to as School District Charter)

State Reference Description

Ga. Const. Art. VIII, V, Para. I School systems continued; consolidation of school systems authorized; new independent school systems prohibited O.C.G.A 20-02-0050 County school districts; county board for each county

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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