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10 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

11 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF  
12 ISOLATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.

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15 **Subtitle**

16 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUED  
17 SUPPORT OF ISOLATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

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

21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 20, Subchapter 6 is amended  
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 6-20-602. Designated isolated districts.

24 The following school districts are designated as isolated districts  
25 under § 6-20-601 and shall not be subject to consolidation, annexation, or  
26 reorganization solely because of the school district's average daily  
27 membership:

28 (1) Alread School District;;

29 (2) Arkansas City School District;

30 (3) Biggers-Reyno School District;

31 (4) Bright Star School District;

32 (5) Bruno-Pyatt School District;

33 (6) Carthage School District;

34 (7) Cord-Charlotte School District;

35 (8) Deer School District;

36 (9) Delaplaine School District;



- 1           (10) Elaine School District;  
 2           (11) Fourche Valley School District;  
 3           (12) Gillett School District;  
 4           (13) Kingston School District;  
 5           (14) Mount Judea School District;  
 6           (15) Mount Pleasant School District;  
 7           (16) Oark School District;  
 8           (17) Oden School District;  
 9           (18) Omaha School District;  
 10          (19) Paron School District;  
 11          (20) Randolph County School District;  
 12          (21) Rural Special School District;  
 13          (22) Scotland School District;  
 14          (23) Sparkman School District;  
 15          (24) St. Joe School District;  
 16          (25) St. Paul School District;  
 17          (26) Stone County School District;  
 18          (27) Taylor School District;  
 19          (28) Umpire School District;  
 20          (29) Williford School District; and  
 21          (30) Winslow School District.

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 23           SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-601(a), concerning funding for  
 24 isolated school districts, is amended to read as follows:

25           (a) As used in this section, "isolated school district" means a school  
 26 district that is listed under § 6-20-602 and that meets any four (4) of the  
 27 following five (5) criteria:

28           (1) There is a distance of twelve (12) miles or more by hard-  
 29 surfaced highway from the high school of the district to the nearest adjacent  
 30 high school in an adjoining district;

31           (2) The density ratio of transported students is less than ~~three~~  
 32 ~~(3)~~ four (4) students per square mile of area;

33           (3) The total area of the district is ~~ninety-five square miles~~  
 34 ~~(95 sq. mi.)~~ eighty square miles (80 sq. mi.) or greater;

35           (4) Less than fifty percent (50%) of bus route miles is on hard-  
 36 surfaced roads; and

