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Call Item 4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1171

5 By: Representative White
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF EFFORTS TO
10 CLOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP IN DISTRICTS SUBJECT TO
11 REORGANIZATION OR RECLASSIFICATION; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 EFFORTS TO CLOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP IN
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. (a) Prior to the consolidation, annexation, detachment,
24 approval of a conversion charter, or any other type of reclassification or
25 reorganization of a school district, the school districts involved, the
26 Department of Education, and the Committee on Closing the Achievement Gap
27 shall:

28 (1) Develop a plan to track the educational progress of the
29 following students from the existing district:

30 (A) Students who have been placed at risk of academic
31 failure as required under Arkansas Code § 6-15-1603; and

32 (B) Students from the following subgroups:

33 (i) Economically disadvantaged students;

34 (ii) Students from major racial and ethnic groups;

35 and

36 (iii) Specific population groups as identified by



1 the department, school district, or commission as target groups for closing
2 the achievement gap; and

3 (2)(A) Implement a plan for any subgroup of students with thirty
4 (30%) percent or more of its members not performing at grade level, as
5 identified by the state end-of-grade test, classroom performance, or state-
6 mandated assessments.

7 (B) The plan shall provide focused intervention and
8 acceleration activities that may include, among other things, summer school,
9 Saturday school, and extended days.

10 (b) Local school districts shall provide the activities and
11 transportation, identified in subdivision (a)(2) of this section, free of
12 charge to students.

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