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Call Item 4

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 30

5 By: Senator Bisbee  
6 By: Representative Anderson  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONTRACT FLEXIBILITY TO SCHOOL  
11 DISTRICTS IN ACADEMIC OR FINANCIAL DISTRESS; AND  
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONTRACT FLEXIBILITY  
16 TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN ACADEMIC OR  
17 FINANCIAL DISTRESS.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 15 is amended  
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 6-17-1511. Academic or fiscal distress --Change in certified and  
25 classified personnel contracts.

26 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this subchapter to the contrary,  
27 beginning with the 2004-2005 school year, no contract for any certified or  
28 classified school personnel shall be valid unless it contains a clause  
29 setting forth the following grounds for termination of the contract:

30 (1) The State Board of Education classifies a school district as  
31 a district in academic distress or fiscal distress under Arkansas Code Title  
32 6, Chapter 13, Subchapter 14;

33 (2) A new school administrator has been employed by the school  
34 district or assigned to the school district by the Department of Education  
35 within one hundred twenty (120) days after a classification of academic  
36 distress or fiscal distress by the state board; and



1           (3) After a thorough study of a school district classified by  
2 the state board as a district in academic distress or fiscal distress, and  
3 after a report to and in consultation with the school district and the state  
4 board, the new administration determines that certified or classified  
5 personnel directly contributed to the district's being placed on academic  
6 distress or fiscal distress.

7           (b) Under this section, school districts are exempt from the  
8 requirements of the Teacher Fair Dismissal Act, § 6-17-1501 et seq.

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