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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT WAIVERS; TO REQUIRE
10 THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO GRANT A SCHOOL
11 DISTRICT WAIVER PETITION IF AN OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC
12 CHARTER SCHOOL DRAWING STUDENTS FROM THE SCHOOL
13 DISTRICT WAS GRANTED A WAIVER; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-103 is amended to read as follows:
29 6-15-103. School district waivers.

30 (a) A school district may petition the State Board of Education for
31 all or some of the waivers granted to an open-enrollment public charter
32 school that draws students from the school district.

33 (b) The petition for all or some of the waivers granted to an open-
34 enrollment public charter school that is submitted by a school district shall
35 include:

36 (1) The name of the open-enrollment public charter school that



1 draws students from the school district;

2 (2) A copy of the waivers granted to the open-enrollment public
3 charter school; ~~and~~

4 (3) A list of the waivers that the school district seeks to have
5 granted; and

6 (4) A plan that includes without limitation the:

7 (A) Reasons why the school district needs the waivers;

8 (B) General scope of how the school district plans to use
9 the waivers; and

10 (C) Expected benefits to the school district from the
11 utilization of the waivers.

12 (c)(1) The state board shall grant, ~~in whole or in part, or deny, in~~
13 ~~whole or in part,~~ a petition for a waiver submitted by a school district
14 within ~~ninety (90)~~ sixty (60) days of receiving ~~the~~ a petition that includes
15 the information under subsection (b) of this section.

16 (2) The state board shall notify the superintendent of the
17 school district in writing ~~of the decision of the state board~~ when the waiver
18 is granted.

19 (3) A waiver that is granted, ~~in whole or in part,~~ shall be
20 valid for the duration that the waivers are valid for the open-enrollment
21 public charter school.

22 (d) If a school district receives a waiver under this section, the
23 school district shall submit an annual report to the Department of Education
24 that describes how each waiver has:

25 (1) Contributed positively to the educational outcomes of the
26 students enrolled in the school district; and

27 (2) Achieved the goals the school district sought when
28 petitioning for the waiver.

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30 /s/C.Douglas
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