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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1017

5 By: Representatives Cozart, Lowery
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TEACHER FAIR DISMISSAL ACT OF
9 1983 TO BE WAIVED IF A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR PUBLIC SCHOOL
10 DISTRICT IS UNDER STATE AUTHORITY AFTER BEING
11 CLASSIFIED AS BEING IN DISTRESS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 OF 1983 TO BE WAIVED IF A PUBLIC SCHOOL
17 OR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IS UNDER STATE
18 AUTHORITY AFTER BEING CLASSIFIED AS BEING
19 IN DISTRESS.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-430(a)(4), concerning actions the
26 State Board of Education may take when a public school district is classified
27 as being in academic distress, is amended to read as follows:

28 (4) Waive the application of Arkansas law, with the exception of
29 ~~The Teacher Fair Dismissal Act of 1983, § 6-17-1501 et seq., and the Public~~
30 School Employee Fair Hearing Act, § 6-17-1701 et seq., or the corresponding
31 state board rules ~~and regulations~~;
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-430(b)(4) and (5), concerning actions
34 the State Board of Education may take when a public school is classified as
35 being in academic distress, are amended to read as follows:

36 (4) Waive the application of Arkansas law or the corresponding



1 state board rules, with the exception of+

2 ~~(A) The Teacher Fair Dismissal Act of 1983, § 6-17-1501 et~~
 3 ~~seq.; and~~

4 ~~(B) The the Public School Employee Fair Hearing Act, § 6-~~
 5 ~~17-1701 et seq.;~~

6 (5) ~~Under The Teacher Fair Dismissal Act of 1983, § 6-17-1501 et~~
 7 ~~seq., reassign Reassign or remove some or all of the licensed personnel of~~
 8 ~~the public school and replace them with licensed personnel assigned or hired~~
 9 ~~under the supervision of the commissioner;~~

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 11 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-20-1909(a)(4), concerning actions the
 12 Commissioner of Education may take when a public school district is in fiscal
 13 distress, is amended to read as follows:

14 (4) Waive the application of Arkansas law or the corresponding
 15 State Board of ~~Education~~ Education rules, with the exception of+

16 ~~(A) The Teacher Fair Dismissal Act of 1983, § 6-17-1501 et~~
 17 ~~seq.; and~~

18 ~~(B) The the Public School Employee Fair Hearing Act, § 6-~~
 19 ~~17-1701 et seq.;~~

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 21 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-21-811(g)(5), concerning actions the
 22 Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation may take,
 23 with the approval of the Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic
 24 Facilities and Transportation, when a public school district is classified as
 25 being in facilities distress, is amended to read as follows:

26 (5) Waive the application of Arkansas law or the corresponding
 27 State Board of Education rules and regulations, with the exception of+

28 ~~(A) The Teacher Fair Dismissal Act of 1983, § 6-17-1501 et~~
 29 ~~seq.; and~~

30 ~~(B) The the Public School Employee Fair Hearing Act, § 6-~~
 31 ~~17-1701 et seq.;~~