

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Representative Mahony**

A Bill

ACT 603 OF 1993
HOUSE BILL 1794

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 6-15-203 TO
9 CHANGE THE ANNUAL DATE BY WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 EDUCATION MUST NOTIFY A SCHOOL DISTRICT FAILING TO MEET
11 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION FOR ELEMENTARY AND
12 SECONDARY SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO CHANGE THE ANNUAL DATE BY WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF
15 EDUCATION MUST NOTIFY SCHOOL DISTRICTS FAILING TO MEET
16 MINIMUM STANDARDS."
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-203 is hereby amended to read as
22 follows:

23 "6-15-203. Notification of failure to meet standards - Appeal.

24 (a) The Department of Education shall annually notify all school
25 districts failing to meet minimum standards for accreditation for elementary
26 and secondary schools not later than June 15 of each year of such
27 determination.

28 (b) (1) In the event a district affected by this subchapter believes the
29 Department of Education has improperly determined that the district fails to
30 meet minimum standards for accreditation of any school in the district, the
31 school district shall have a right of appeal thereafter to the State Board of
32 Education.

33 (2) Any such appeal shall be held in an open hearing, and the
34 decision of the board shall be in open session.

35 (3) Appeal must be filed not later than June 30 following the
36 June 15 certification, and the State Board of Education hearing must be held

1 prior to July 15 of the same calendar year.

2 (4) The State Board of Education may confirm the classification
3 of a local school as determined by the Department of Education, or it may
4 sustain the appeal of the district.

5 (5) An appeal from the ruling of the board may be made by any
6 district to a court of competent jurisdiction provided such appeal is made
7 within ninety (90) days after the effective date of any annexation."

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9 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-206(b) is hereby amended to read as
10 follows:

11 "(b) Notice thereof shall be filed with the school district in which
12 the school is located that the school must meet minimum standards for
13 accreditation within no more than two (2) school years or be subject to the
14 mandates of this subchapter with reference to dissolution and annexation. The
15 State Department of Education shall prepare and promulgate regulations and
16 guidelines for the maximum times allowable for correction of particular
17 violations of standards, provided that no individual violation may exist for
18 more than two (2) consecutive school years."

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20 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
21 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
22 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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24 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
25 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
26 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
27 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
28 act are declared to be severable.

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30 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
31 hereby repealed.

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APPROVED: 03/19/93

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