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1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **80th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1995**
4 **By: Representative Schexnayder**

A Bill

ACT 830 OF 1995
HOUSE BILL 1833

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND AND REPEAL VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 6,
9 CHAPTER 13, SUBCHAPTER 11 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE RELATIVE TO
10 THE FORMATION OF MODEL RURAL EARLY CHILDHOOD CONSORTIUMS;
11 TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO AMEND AND REPEAL VARIOUS SECTIONS OF
15 TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE RELATIVE TO
16 THE FORMATION OF MODEL RURAL EARLY
17 CHILDHOOD CONSORTIUMS."

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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 Annotated § 6-13-1101 is hereby amended to
22 read as follows:

23 "6-13-1101. Legislative intent.

24 It is the purpose and intent of this subchapter to provide a procedure
25 by which one (1) or more school districts located within this state may, by
26 agreement, reflected by a majority vote of the respective boards of the
27 participating school districts, form a model rural early childhood consortium.
28 It is anticipated that this model rural early childhood consortium would be
29 established to exemplify the best practices available in rural early childhood
30 education. It would further be the purpose of this consortium to serve as a
31 training and development site for both students and teachers within the
32 cooperating school districts. A model rural early childhood consortium
33 created pursuant to the provisions of this subchapter may be organized in ways
34 that are fundamentally different from the ways schools are now organized."

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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-13-1102 is hereby amended to

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1 read as follows:

2 "6-13-1102. Authority.

3 Pursuant to the provisions of this subchapter, one (1) or more school
4 districts may by a majority vote of their respective boards agree to create a
5 model rural early childhood consortium for the purposes set forth in
6 § 6-13-1101."

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8 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-13-1104 is hereby amended to
9 read as follows:

10 "6-13-1104. Powers and duties.

11 Any model rural early childhood consortium created pursuant to this
12 subchapter shall have the authority to petition the State Department of
13 Education or the State Board of Education for waivers from present school
14 standards to fulfill the purposes set forth in § 6-13-1101."

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16 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-13-1106 is hereby amended to
17 read as follows:

18 "6-13-1106. Criteria - Contingency.

19 (a) (1) The State Board of Education shall adopt and publish criteria
20 setting forth the application process to be followed by any educational
21 consortium.

22 (2) The State Department of Education shall determine which
23 applications are accepted in accordance with the board's published criteria.

24 (b) Implementation of the provisions of this subchapter shall be
25 contingent upon appropriation."

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27 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code Annotated §§ 6-13-1103 and 6-13-1105 are
28 hereby repealed.

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30 SECTION 6. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
31 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
32 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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34 SECTION 7. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
35 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect

1 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
2 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
3 act are declared to be severable.

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5 SECTION 8. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
6 hereby repealed.

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8 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General
9 Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the immediate effectiveness of this act
10 is essential to the operation of the Arkansas Department of Education and the
11 various school districts of this state in planning for the 1995-96 school
12 year. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act being
13 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and
14 safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and
15 approval.

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/s/Rep. Schexnayder

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