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A Bill

SENATE BILL 371

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
9 CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL INTER-DISTRICT STUDENT
10 TRANSFERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
14 CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL INTER-DISTRICT
15 STUDENT TRANSFERS.
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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 § 6-18-203, concerning student attendance in
22 a school district other than the student's school district of residence, is
23 amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

24 (e)(1) When a parent or guardian who while on active duty in or
25 servicing in the reserve component of a branch of the United States Armed
26 Forces or National Guard relocates within the state due to a mobilization,
27 deployment, or available military housing, the children of the parent or
28 guardian may:

29 (A) Continue attending school in the school district the
30 children were attending prior to the relocation; or

31 (B) Attend school in the school district where the
32 children have relocated.

33 (2) A child enrolled in a school district under this subsection
34 may complete all remaining school years at the enrolled school district,
35 regardless of mobilization, deployment, or military status of the parent or
36 guardian.



1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-316, concerning student inter-district
2 transfer, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

3 (h) Student transfers granted under this section constitute an
4 independent agreement between the resident district and the receiving
5 district and are not subject to the provisions and limitations of other
6 student transfer laws.

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8 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-18-317(a), concerning prohibiting inter-
9 district student transfers under certain circumstances, is amended to read as
10 follows:

11 (a) Boards of directors of local school districts are prohibited from
12 granting legal transfers under § 6-18-316 in the following situations when:

13 (1) ~~When either~~ Either the resident or the receiving district is
14 under a desegregation-related court order ~~or has ever been under such a court~~
15 ~~order~~; and

16 (2) The transfer in question would ~~negatively affect the racial~~
17 ~~balance of that district which is or has been under such a~~ violate the court
18 order.

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20 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-18-318 is repealed.

21 ~~6-18-318. Waiver of prohibition.~~

22 ~~(a) Any district not currently under a desegregation-related court~~
23 ~~order, but which has been under such a court order in the past, may apply for~~
24 ~~a waiver of the prohibition set forth in § 6-18-317(a).~~

25 ~~(b) The State Board of Education may grant such a district a waiver~~
26 ~~from the provisions of § 6-18-317(a) if it is determined that the district's~~
27 ~~desegregation status would not be adversely affected by allowing a legal~~
28 ~~transfer that would negatively affect the district's racial balance.~~

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31 **APPROVED: 04/06/2017**