

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 858**

AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING  
PUBLIC EDUCATION.

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 858**

Amend Senate Bill No. 858 as originally introduced:

Delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

“SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-431, concerning academic distress rules, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c) The state board may adopt by rule, criteria that permit the following entities to be exempt from the identification and classification of academic distress:

(1) A public school that is designated solely as an alternative learning environment;

(2) An open-enrollment public charter school whose mission and enrollment are primarily focused on students who have dropped out of high school or are identified as at-risk students; and

(3) A conversion public charter school whose mission and enrollment are primarily focused on students who have dropped out of high school or are identified as at-risk students.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2106, concerning school rating system rules, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c) The state board may adopt by rule, criteria that permit the following entities to be exempt from the identification and classification of academic distress:

(1) A public school that is designated solely as an alternative learning environment;

(2) An open-enrollment public charter school whose mission and enrollment are primarily focused on students who have dropped out of high school or are identified as at-risk students; and

(3) A conversion public charter school whose mission and enrollment are primarily focused on students who have dropped out of high school or are identified as at-risk students.”



The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator E. Cheatham

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Secretary