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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO INCREASE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS
9 REPORTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

11 TO INCREASE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL
12 DISTRICT REPORTS.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-11-129 is amended to read as follows:
20 6-11-129. Data to be accessible on website.

21 (a)(1)(A) Effective September 1, 2014, a school district or public
22 charter school shall maintain a website and post on the website:

23 (i) All information or reports identified in this
24 section; and

25 (ii) Any other information not protected by state or
26 federal law or regulation or report the school district or public charter
27 school is required by law or rule to report, file, submit, or otherwise
28 provide to:

29 (a) The General Assembly;

30 (b) The Department of Education; or

31 (c) The Department of Higher Education.

32 (B) This section does not remove a school district's or
33 public charter school's obligation under law or rule to report, file, submit,
34 or otherwise provide the information.

35 (2) The State Board of Education shall cite a school district's
36 failure to comply with this section as a violation of the Standards for



1 Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.

2 (b)(1) ~~Each~~ A school district shall make the following information and
 3 data easily ~~identified~~ identifiable on its website or the website of the
 4 school district's education service cooperative, if the education service
 5 cooperative maintains the school district's website:

6 (A) Current comprehensive financial data reports for the
 7 school ~~districts~~ district, including:

8 (i) Local and state revenue sources;

9 (ii) Administrator and teacher salary and benefit
 10 expenditure data;

11 (iii) School district balances, including legal
 12 balances and building fund balances;

13 (iv) Minutes of regular and special meetings of the
 14 school district board of directors;

15 (v) The school district budget for the ensuing year,
 16 which shall be posted on the website within thirty (30) days following the
 17 date required to be submitted to the Department of Education;

18 (vi) A financial breakdown of monthly expenses of
 19 the school district;

20 (vii) Salary schedules for all school district
 21 employees, including extended contract and supplementary pay amounts;

22 (viii) Current contract information with all school
 23 district employees, except that social security numbers, telephone numbers,
 24 personal addresses, or signatures shall not be published;

25 (ix) The annual budget of the school district; and

26 (x) The annual school district statistical report;

27 ~~and~~

28 (B) ~~Each~~ The school district's personnel policies required
 29 under § 6-17-201 et seq.; and

30 (C) Effective September 1, 2014, to the extent not already
 31 published on the school district's website under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of
 32 this section, the information and reports a school district is required to
 33 provide under:

34 (i) Section 6-13-631, concerning the school
 35 district's report on the effect of minority population on elections;

36 (ii) Section 6-13-701, concerning the school

- 1 district treasurer's financial reports;
2 (iii) Section 6-13-1606, concerning the tracking of
3 student progress for students transferred in an administrative consolidation
4 or administrative annexation;
5 (iv) Section 6-13-1611, concerning the annual report
6 of a resulting or receiving school district under administration
7 consolidation or administrative annexation;
8 (v) Section 6-15-208, concerning a probationary
9 status determination and findings of the state board for failure to meet the
10 Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts;
11 (vi) Section 6-15-503, concerning home school
12 statistical data;
13 (vii) Section 6-15-1005, concerning the school
14 achievement report;
15 (viii) Section 6-15-1402, concerning a school's
16 individual school performance report;
17 (ix) Section 6-15-2609, concerning the school
18 district's annual report on its Rewarding Excellence in Achievement Program;
19 (x) Section 6-15-1702, concerning the parental
20 involvement plan informational packet;
21 (xi) Section 6-15-2006, concerning the school
22 district's annual performance report;
23 (xii) Section 6-15-2101, concerning the annual
24 school performance report;
25 (xiii) Section 6-15-2105, concerning the annual
26 school improvement performance category level designation and rating;
27 (xiv) Section 6-15-2202, concerning the
28 comprehensive school improvement plan and information;
29 (xv) Section 6-15-2301, concerning the department's
30 report to the school district concerning best financial management practices
31 and the school district's plan and status report filed with the department;
32 (xvi) Section 6-15-2701, concerning the evaluation
33 and report of a chronically underperforming school;
34 (xvii) Section 6-18-206, concerning the annual
35 report to the Equity Assistance Center on public school choice;
36 (xviii) Section 6-18-227, concerning the annual

1 report on public school choice under the Arkansas Opportunity Public School
 2 Choice Act of 2004;

3 (xix) Section 6-18-508, concerning the annual report
 4 of demographic information on alternative learning environment attendees;

5 (xx) Section 6-18-514, concerning the school
 6 district's antibullying policies;

7 (xxi) Section 6-18-1007, concerning the annual
 8 report on student services;

9 (xxii) Section 6-20-603, concerning the average
 10 daily membership reports of a school district with isolated school areas;

11 (xiii) Section 6-20-1801, concerning the annual
 12 audit report;

13 (xxiv) Section 6-20-1906, concerning the school
 14 district's classification as a school district in fiscal distress;

15 (xxv) Section 6-20-2003, concerning the athletic
 16 expenditures report;

17 (xxvi) Section 6-20-2103, concerning the interschool
 18 scholastic activity expenditures report;

19 (xxvii) Section 6-20-2202, concerning the budget and
 20 expenditure report;

21 (xxviii) Section 6-20-2305, concerning the
 22 expenditure of categorical funds and the programs funded with the funds;

23 (xxix) Section 6-21-806, concerning the school
 24 district's academic facilities master plan;

25 (xxx) Section 6-21-811, concerning the reporting of
 26 nonmaterial indicators of facilities distress; and

27 (xxxi) Any other information or data required under
 28 law or rule to be posted on the school district's website.

29 (c) A public charter school shall post on its website the
 30 annual:

31 (1) Report under § 6-23-202 or § 6-23-303; and

32 (2) Audit report under § 6-23-505.

33 ~~(2)(d)(1) Information~~ The information and data required to be made
 34 available and easily accessible on the school district's website under
 35 subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section shall be ~~are~~ the actual data for the
 36 two (2) previous school years and the projected budgeted information for the

1 current school year.

2 (2) The information or data identified under subdivisions
3 (b)(1)(B) and (C) and subsection (c) of this section are the most current
4 information or data required to be reported, filed, submitted, or otherwise
5 provided by law or rule.

6 ~~(b)(e)~~ The department shall make the information and data required by
7 this section available and easily accessible on the department's website by
8 including direct links to the websites of all Arkansas school districts and
9 of the education service cooperatives that maintain school district websites.
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11 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1017(c), concerning the programs and
12 services of education service cooperatives, is amended to read as follows:

13 (c) ~~Education~~ An education service ~~cooperatives~~ cooperative may:

14 (1) provide Provide shared educational programs and services
15 such as needs assessment and school improvement planning, staff development,
16 curriculum development, itinerant teachers, instructional materials, adult
17 and vocational education, programs for gifted and talented, education for
18 children with disabilities, alternative educational programs, secondary area
19 vocational centers, and community-based education programs;

20 (2) Maintain the website of a school district served by the
21 education service cooperative; and

22 (3) Provide other services which the State Board of Education
23 may approve or which school districts may support with local funds.

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