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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1750

5 By: Representatives Womack, Vaught
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE VOLUNTARY CONSOLIDATION OF AN
9 AFFECTED DISTRICT; TO ALLOW A CONTIGUOUS PUBLIC
10 SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CONSOLIDATE WITH AN AFFECTED
11 DISTRICT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO ALLOW A CONTIGUOUS PUBLIC SCHOOL
16 DISTRICT TO CONSOLIDATE WITH AN AFFECTED
17 DISTRICT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1416, concerning voluntary
24 consolidations or annexations of public school districts, is amended to add
25 an additional subsection to read as follows:

26 (h)(1) A receiving district shall notify all contiguous public school
27 districts of its intent to close a public school campus that is part of an
28 affected district a minimum of (1) year before the closure of the public
29 school campus.

30 (2) An affected district under subdivision (h)(1) of this
31 section shall have been the result of a voluntary consolidation that occurred
32 no more than twenty (20) years ago.

33 (3) Upon receiving notice from the receiving district under
34 subdivision (h)(1) of this section, a contiguous public school district may:

35 (A) Notify the receiving district of its interest in
36 accepting the affected district for purposes of keeping the public school



1 campus open; or

2 (B)(i) Petition the state board to reverse the previous
3 consolidation and consolidate the affected district into the contiguous
4 public school district.

5 (ii) A petition under subdivision (h)(3)(B)(i) of
6 this section shall include the following without limitation:

7 (a) How the contiguous public school district
8 intends to serve the students of the affected district;

9 (b) Evidence that the consolidation will not
10 cause fiscal hardship on the contiguous public school district; and

11 (c) Evidence that the consolidation will not
12 cause fiscal hardship on the affected district.

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