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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE VOLUNTARY CONSOLIDATION OF AN

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AFFECTED DISTRICT; TO ALLOW A CONTIGUOUS PUBLIC

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SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CONSOLIDATE WITH AN AFFECTED

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DISTRICT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND FOR OTHER

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PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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TO ALLOW A CONTIGUOUS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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DISTRICT TO CONSOLIDATE WITH AN AFFECTED

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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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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1416, concerning voluntary consolidations or annexations of public school districts, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

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(h)(1) A receiving district that received an affected district as a

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result of a voluntary administrative annexation under § 6-13-1601 et seq.

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shall notify all contiguous public school districts of its intent to close a

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public school campus that is part of an affected district a minimum of (1)

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year before the closure of the public school campus.

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(2) An affected district under subdivision (h)(1) of this

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section shall have been the result of a voluntary administrative annexation

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under § 6-13-1601 et seq. that occurred no more than twenty (20) years ago.

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(3) Upon receiving notice from the receiving district under

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subdivision (h)(1) of this section, a contiguous public school district may:

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(A) Notify the receiving district of its interest in



1 accepting the affected district for purposes of keeping the public school
2 campus open; and

3 (B)(i) Petition the state board to reverse the previous
4 voluntary administrative annexation under § 6-13-1601 et seq. and consolidate
5 the affected district into the contiguous public school district.

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

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

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

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

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