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SENATE BILL 314

By: Senators Elliott, L. Chesterfield, C. Tucker

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pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT UNDER THE
AUTHORITY OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; TO
ESTABLISH THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A PUBLIC SCHOOL
DISTRICT SHALL BE RETURNED TO LOCAL CONTROL; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ESTABLISH THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A
PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL BE RETURNED
TO LOCAL CONTROL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2917, concerning public school
districts under the authority of the State Board of Education, is amended to
add an additional subsection to read as follows:
(d)(1) A public school district shall be returned to full local
control if the public school district has been under the authority of the
state board under this section for five (5) years.

(2) However, nothing in this section precludes the state board
from returning a public school district to full local control in fewer than
five (5) years.

/s/Elliott
Referred requested by the Arkansas Senate
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