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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 668

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6 By: Senator K. Hammer

7 Filed with: Senate Committee on Education  
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT CONCERNING A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IS  
11 CLASSIFIED AS BEING IN NEED OF LEVEL 5 - INTENSIVE  
12 SUPPORT; TO ALLOW THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO  
13 GRANT EXTENSIONS OF ITS ASSUMPTION OF AUTHORITY IN  
14 CERTAIN SITUATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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17 **Subtitle**

18 CONCERNING A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT  
19 IS CLASSIFIED AS BEING IN NEED OF LEVEL 5  
20 - INTENSIVE SUPPORT; AND TO ALLOW THE  
21 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO GRANT  
22 EXTENSIONS OF ITS ASSUMPTION OF AUTHORITY  
23 IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS.

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

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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2917(c), concerning a public school  
29 district classified as being in need of Level 5 – Intensive support that does  
30 not meet the criteria to exit Level 5 – Intensive support, is amended to read  
31 as follows:

32 (c)(1)(A) ~~If the public school district has not demonstrated to the~~  
33 ~~state board and the Department of Education that the public school district~~  
34 ~~meets the criteria to exit Level 5 – Intensive support within five (5) years~~  
35 ~~of the assumption of authority, the~~ The state board shall annex, consolidate,

1 or reconstitute ~~the~~ a public school district under § 6-13-1401 et seq. and  
2 this subchapter, if:

3 (i) The public school district has not demonstrated  
4 to the state board and the Department of Education that the public school  
5 district meets the criteria to exit Level 5 – Intensive support within five  
6 (5) years of the assumption of authority by the state board and has not  
7 received an extension under subdivision (c)(1)(B) of this section;

8 (ii) The public school district has not demonstrated  
9 to the state board and the department that the public school district meets  
10 the criteria to exit Level 5 – Intensive support at the end of the first  
11 twenty-four-month extension under subdivision (c)(1)(B) of this section, and  
12 the state board does not grant a second twenty-four-month extension; or

13 (iii) One (1) or more extensions are granted under  
14 subdivision (c)(1)(B) of this section and the state board finds at any time  
15 during the extension that insufficient progress has been made for the public  
16 school district to exit Level 5 – Intensive support at the end of the  
17 extension.

18 (B) The state board may grant up to two (2) twenty-four-  
19 month extensions of assumption of authority by the state board for a public  
20 school district classified as in need of Level 5 – Intensive support to meet  
21 the criteria to exit Level 5 – Intensive support.

22 (2) The state board shall promulgate rules to establish the criteria  
23 by which a public school district may exit Level 5 – Intensive support.

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*/s/K. Hammer*

Referred requested by the Arkansas Senate  
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