ARKANSAS SENATE

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Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 457

"AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 20052007 BIENNIUM."

Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill No. 457.

Amend Senate Bill No. 457 03-10-2005 16:07:

Add a new section immediately following Section 21 to read as follows: "SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FEASIBILITY STUDY. The Department of Education shall authorize and fund a feasibility study costing up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000). The purpose of the study shall be to evaluate and determine whether the Pulaski County Special School District should continue in existence by specifically addressing and evaluating the following: 1) the elimination of the Pulaski County Special School District and redrawing of school district boundaries in Pulaski County to form one school district north of the Arkansas River and one district south of the Arkansas River; 2) the elimination of the Pulaski County Special School District and redrawing of school district boundaries in Pulaski County to form three districts including a Little Rock District south of the Arkansas River, a North Little Rock District north of the Arkansas River and a Jacksonville School District north of the Arkansas River; 3) whether the elimination of the Pulaski County Special School District under either option would further desegregation efforts of the districts and help all districts in gaining unitary status and in ending the desegregation case; and, 4) to study and propose a plan to pursue the end of desegregation litigation in Pulaski County.

A contract shall be signed no later than October 31, 2005 and the feasibility study completed no later than June 30, 2006.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007."

And

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and	
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