

ARKANSAS SENATE
91st General Assembly - Regular Session, 2017
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 274

TO REVISE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
THAT HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE STATE FOR BEING IN ACADEMIC DISTRESS CAN BE
RETURNED TO LOCAL CONTROL.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 274

Amend Senate Bill No. 274 as originally introduced:

Add Representative Tucker as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, delete lines 11 and 12, and substitute:

"DISTRESS CAN BE RETURNED TO LOCAL CONTROL; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Page 1, delete line 20, and substitute the following:

"RETURNED TO LOCAL CONTROL; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY."

AND

Page 2, line 6, delete "and the community at large"

AND

Page 3, line 14, delete "and the community at large"

AND

Page 3, delete line 22, and substitute the following:

"(2) That it is in the best interest of the"

AND

Page 3, line 23, delete "and the community at large"

AND



Page 4, line 5, delete "and the community at large"

AND

Immediately following SECTION 4, add an additional section to read as follows:

"SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that a public school and public school district are best served when the residents of the public school district exercise local control over the public school district; that the criteria for the return to local control of a public school or public school district that has been taken over by the state because of a classification of being in academic distress are rigid and without flexibility; that the State Board of Education should be able to exercise discretion in returning a public school or public school district to local control; and that this act is immediately necessary to prevent further harm to public schools or public school districts that are under the control of the state by allowing the State Board of Education to exercise discretion in returning the public schools or public school districts to local control of their residents. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto."

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

By: Senator Elliott

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Secretary