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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill 1945

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS OPPORTUNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE ACT; TO
AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE ACT OF 2015; AND TO ALLOW A STUDENT TO
TRANSFER TO ANOTHER PUBLIC SCHOOL WITHIN HIS OR HER RESIDENT DISTRICT.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1945

Amend House Bill 1945 as originally introduced:

Add Senators B. Davis, J. Dotson

AND

Page 3, delete line 17, and substitute the following:

"district.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-18-227(d)(2)(A)(ii), concerning a lack of capacity claimed by a school district under the Arkansas Opportunity Public School Choice Act, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) A lack of capacity may be claimed by a school district only if:

(a)(1) The ~~school district~~ nonresident school has reached the maximum student-to-teacher ratio allowed under federal law, state law, the ~~rules for standards for accreditation~~ Rules Governing the Standards for Accreditation for Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts, state rules, or other applicable federal regulations.

(2) A school district may claim a lack of capacity if, on the date the application for opportunity school choice option is made under this section, ninety-five percent (95%) or more of the seats at the grade level in which the student would be assigned at the



nonresident school are filled; and

(b) The claim is consistent with state and federal law."

AND

Page 5, delete lines 11 through 14, and substitute the following:

"(A)(i) ~~The school district~~ nonresident school has reached the maximum student-to-teacher ratio allowed under federal law, state law, ~~the rules for standards for accreditation~~ Rules Governing the Standards for Accreditation for Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts, state rules, or other applicable federal regulations.

(ii) A school district may claim a lack of capacity if, on the date the application for public school choice is made under this subchapter, ninety-five percent (95%) or more of the seats at the grade level in which the student would be assigned at the nonresident school are filled;
and"

AND

Page 5, delete lines 22 through 29, and substitute the following:

"(2) The standards:

(A) ~~May include without limitation the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or school building;~~

(B) ~~May include a claim of a lack of capacity by a school district only if the school district has reached at least ninety percent (90%) of the maximum authorized student population in a program, class, grade level, or school building;~~

(C) Shall include a statement that priority will be given"

AND

Page 5, line 34, delete "(D)" and substitute "~~(D)~~(B)"

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative McCollum
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