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6   By: Senators M. Johnson, Caldwell, A. Clark, Gilmore, Hill, M. McKee, J. Payton

7   By: Representatives Beck, Beaty Jr., Bentley, Long, Pilkington

8   Filed with: Senate Committee on Education

9   pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

10   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

11   AN ACT CONCERNING THE SCHOOLS OF LAW UNDER THE

12   UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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15   **Subtitle**

16   CONCERNING THE SCHOOLS OF LAW UNDER THE

17   UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS.

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

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22   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-64-602 is amended to read as follows:

23   6-64-602. Establishment — Name — Operation.

24   (a) There is established a full-time law school, to be operated in

25   Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, under the control and direction of the

26   University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to be known as the University of

27   Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law, and to offer classes

28   of legal instruction both in the daytime and in the evening.

29   (b) The Dean of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of

30   *Law and the Dean of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H.*

31   *Bowen School of Law shall:*

32   *(1) Work to combine at least the following offices of both the*

33   University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law and the University of

34   Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School *of Law, while ensuring*

35   *adequate and comparable services at each school:*

1   (A)   *The administrative functions of the Office* of

2 Admissions;

3   (B)   The Office of Academic Affairs or its equivalent;

4   (C)   The Office of Student Affairs or its equivalent;

5   (D)   The Office of Administrative Services or its

6 equivalent;

7   (E)   The Office of Career Services or its equivalent;

8   (F)   The Office of Externship Programs or its equivalent;

9   (G)   The Office of External Relations or its equivalent;

10 and

11   (H)   The Office of Financial Aid or its equivalent; and

12   (4)(A)   Work to ensure there is a minimum of a twenty-five

13 percent (25%) reduction in costs following the merger of the offices listed

14 under subdivision (b)(3) of this section between the University of Arkansas

15 at Fayetteville School of Law and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock

16 William H. Bowen School of Law.

17   (B)   The Dean of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville

18 School of Law *and the Dean of the* University of Arkansas at Little Rock

19 William H. Bowen S*chool of Law shall annually report to the Legislative*

20 *Council:*

21   *(i)   The expenditures of all merged offices between*

22 *the University of Arkansas at* Fayetteville School of Law and the University

23 of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law both before and

24 after the merger established *by this section;*

25   *(ii)   The titles, functions, and salaries for each*

26 *employee of each law school, including detailed objective and comparable-*

27 *worth justifications for each employee's total compensation; and*

28   *(iii)   Detailed objective and comparable-worth*

29 *justifications for the total compensation for the Dean of the University of*

30 *Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law and the Dean of the University of*

31 *Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law.*

32   *(c)*   The merger of the offices required under subdivision (b)(3) of

33 this section shall not alter the status of a faculty member of the University

34 of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law or the University of Arkansas at

35 Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law, including:

36   *(1)*   Remaining employed at his or her respective school;

1   *(2)* Retaining his or her tenure or tenure-track status;

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3   *(3)* Continuing to be subject to his or her respective

4 campus's policies.

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6   */s/M. Johnson*

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9 Referred requested by the Arkansas Senate

10 Prepared by: TNL/SJA

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