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pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SCHOOLS OF LAW UNDER THE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE SCHOOLS OF LAW UNDER THE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS.

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

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

6-64-602. Establishment – Name – Operation.

(a) There is established a full-time law school, to be operated in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, under the control and direction of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to be known as the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law, and to offer classes of legal instruction both in the daytime and in the evening.

(b) The Dean of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law and the Dean of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law shall:

(1) Work to combine at least the following offices of both the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law, while ensuring 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 School 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;

