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A Bill

SENATE BILL

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By: Senator Luelf

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO SUSPEND UNTIL JUNE 30, 1991, THOSE PROVISIONS OF THE STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION OF ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS CONCERNING THE MINIMUM STUDENT-TEACHER INTERACTION TIME EACH SCHOOL YEAR AND CONCERNING THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF DAYS FOR TEACHER CONTRACTS AND MINIMUM PERIOD FOR ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL CONTRACTS: AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Those requirements contained in the "Standards of Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools" prepared by the Education Standards Committee concerning minimum student-teacher interaction time, minimum period for teacher contracts, and the minimum elementary principal contract period are hereby suspended until June 30, 1991.

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the cost of implementing the minimum school standards concerning length of school year, length of teacher contracts and length of elementary principal contracts will be significant; that State and local funds currently available or to be available in the near future are inadequate to implement those particular standards; that the alternatives are the levy of substantial tax increases on residents of the State or the suspension of those standards

for a temporary period and the latter appears to be preferable; that this Act is designed to suspend implementation of those particular standards for a period of two years and should be given effect immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.