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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-15-207 (c) TO ALLOW A
9 SCHOOL DISTRICT TO COMBINE THE DISTRICT'S TOP SIX GRADES
10 WITH AN ADJOINING DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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14 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-15-207 (c) is amended to read as follows:

15 "6-15-207. Annexation and combination by petition.

16 (c) (1) Any school district may petition the county board of education
17 of the county in which the district is administered to combine the district's
18 top four (4) grades or top six (6) grades with an adjoining district which
19 operates a secondary program which meets the Minimum Standards for
20 Accreditation .

21 (2) Upon receipt of such a petition, the county board of
22 education shall order the combination of the secondary program of such
23 district with an adjoining district for purposes of operation of the top four
24 (4) or top six (6) grades.

25 (3) Any school district directed by order of the county board of
26 education to participate in such a combination is mandated to accept the
27 students transferred to such district.

28 (4) Any district exercising the option provided herein shall
29 continue to exist as a separate school district to operate a school with
30 grades kindergarten through six (6) and may operate grades seven (7) and eight
31 (8) if the district's educational program at grade seven (7) and eight (8)
32 meets minimum accreditation standards.

33 (5) Such district shall have all rights, duties, and powers
34 granted to school districts under the laws of this state, except that such
35 district may not establish or operate a high school.

1 (6) The county board of education when ordering such a
2 combination shall order the affected districts to enter into a contract for
3 the transfer of specified revenues from the petitioning district to the
4 receiving district on an annual basis.

5 (7) The amount of revenues to be transferred from the petitioning
6 district to the receiving district shall be determined in accordance with
7 guidelines which the State Board of Education is directed to formulate to
8 assure equitable reallocation of revenues for the operation of combined
9 educational programs."

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11 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
12 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
13 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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15 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
16 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
17 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
18 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
19 act are declared to be severable.

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21 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
22 hereby repealed.

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