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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1833

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND AND REPEAL VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 6,
9 CHAPTER 13, SUBCHAPTER 11 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE RELATIVE TO
10 THE FORMATION OF MODEL RURAL EARLY CHILDHOOD CONSORTIUMS;
11 TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO AMEND AND REPEAL VARIOUS SECTIONS OF
15 TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE RELATIVE TO
16 THE FORMATION OF MODEL RURAL EARLY
17 CHILDHOOD CONSORTIUMS."

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

21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-13-1101 is hereby amended to
22 read as follows:

23 "6-13-1101. Legislative intent.

24 It is the purpose and intent of this subchapter to provide a procedure
25 by which one (1) or more school districts located within this state may, by
26 agreement, reflected by a majority vote of the respective boards of the
27 participating school districts, form a model rural early childhood
28 consortium. It is anticipated that this model rural early childhood
29 consortium would be established to exemplify the best practices available in
30 rural early childhood education. It would further be the purpose of this
31 consortium to serve as a training and development site for both students and
32 teachers within the cooperating school districts. A model rural early
33 childhood consortium created pursuant to the provisions of this subchapter
34 may be organized in ways that are fundamentally different from the ways
35 schools are now organized."

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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-13-1102 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"6-13-1102. Authority.

Pursuant to the provisions of this subchapter, one (1) or more school districts may by a majority vote of their respective boards agree to create a model rural early childhood consortium for the purposes set forth in § 6-13-1101."

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-13-1104 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"6-13-1104. Powers and duties.

Any model rural early childhood consortium created pursuant to this subchapter shall have the authority to petition the State Department of Education or the State Board of Education for waivers from present school standards to fulfill the purposes set forth in § 6-13-1101."

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-13-1106 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"6-13-1106. Criteria - Contingency.

(a)(1) The State Board of Education shall adopt and publish criteria setting forth the application process to be followed by any educational consortium.

(2) The State Department of Education shall determine which applications are accepted in accordance with the board's published criteria.

(b) Implementation of the provisions of this subchapter shall be contingent upon appropriation."

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code Annotated §§ 6-13-1103 and 6-13-1105 are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. 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.

1 SECTION 7. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
2 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
3 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
4 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
5 act are declared to be severable.

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7 SECTION 8. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
8 hereby repealed.

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10 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the
11 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the immediate effectiveness of
12 this act is essential to the operation of the Arkansas Department of
13 Education and the various school districts of this state in planning for the
14 1995-96 school year. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and
15 this act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,
16 health, and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its
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/s/Rep. Schexnayder

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