

State of Arkansas

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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1083

By: Representative Thyer

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE FOR
SCHOOL SUCCESS PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS BETTER
CHANCE FOR SCHOOL SUCCESS PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-45-104(a), concerning school districts required to develop a program under the Arkansas Better Chance for School Success Program, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Except as required under subdivision (a)(2) of this subsection, this chapter shall not require any school district to participate.

(2) A local school district is required to work with the Department of Education and their local community to establish, promote, and assist in the development of a program under the Arkansas Better Chance for School Success Program to serve all children in the school district as provided in § 6-45-108, if:

(A) ~~The~~ A school within the district has seventy-five percent (75%) or more students scoring below proficiency on the primary benchmark exams or other exams designated by the department in the preceding two (2) school years; or

(B) The school district has been designated by the department as being in academic distress.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-45-106(c)(4), concerning allocation of



funding under the Arkansas Better Chance for School Success program, is amended to read as follows:

(4) In allocating funding for the Arkansas Better Chance for School Success Program, priority consideration shall be given to:

(A) ~~School districts~~ Schools that have seventy-five percent (75%) or more students scoring below proficiency on the primary benchmark exams, or other exams designated by the Department of Education, in the preceding two (2) school years; and

(B) School districts that have been designated by the Department of Education as being in academic distress.