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Call Item 4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1083

5 By: Representative Thyer
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

12 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS BETTER
13 CHANCE FOR SCHOOL SUCCESS PROGRAM.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-45-104(a), concerning school districts
20 required to develop a program under the Arkansas Better Chance for School
21 Success Program, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

33 (B) The school district has been designated by the
34 department as being in academic distress.
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-45-106(c)(4), concerning allocation of



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

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

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

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

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