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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO INCREASE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS
9 REPORTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

11 TO INCREASE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL
12 DISTRICT REPORTS.
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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 § 6-11-129 is amended to read as follows:
20 6-11-129. Data to be accessible on website.

21 (a)(1)(A) Effective September 1, 2014, a school district or public
22 charter school shall maintain a website and post on the website a link to the
23 Department of Education's website with:

24 (i) All information or reports identified in this
25 section; and

26 (ii) Any other information not protected by state or
27 federal law or regulation or report the school district or public charter
28 school is required by law or rule to report, file, submit, or otherwise
29 provide to:

30 (a) The General Assembly;

31 (b) The Department of Education; or

32 (c) The Department of Higher Education.

33 (B) This section does not remove a school district's or
34 public charter school's obligation under law or rule to report, file, submit,
35 or otherwise provide the information.

36 (2) The State Board of Education shall cite a school district's



1 failure to comply with this section as a violation of the Standards for
 2 Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.

3 (b)(1) ~~Each~~ A school district shall make the following information and
 4 data easily ~~identified~~ identifiable on its website or the website of the
 5 school district's education service cooperative, if the education service
 6 cooperative maintains the school district's website:

7 (A) Current comprehensive financial data reports for the
 8 school ~~districts~~ district, including:

9 (i) Local and state revenue sources;

10 (ii) Administrator and teacher salary and benefit
 11 expenditure data;

12 (iii) School district balances, including legal
 13 balances and building fund balances;

14 (iv) Minutes of regular and special meetings of the
 15 school district board of directors;

16 (v) The school district budget for the ensuing year,
 17 which shall be posted on the website within thirty (30) days following the
 18 date required to be submitted to the Department of Education;

19 (vi) A financial breakdown of monthly expenses of
 20 the school district;

21 (vii) Salary schedules for all school district
 22 employees, including extended contract and supplementary pay amounts;

23 (viii) Current contract information with all school
 24 district employees, except that social security numbers, telephone numbers,
 25 personal addresses, or signatures shall not be published;

26 (ix) The annual budget of the school district; and

27 (x) The annual school district statistical report;

28 ~~and~~

29 (B) ~~Each~~ The school district's personnel policies required
 30 under § 6-17-201 et seq.; and

31 (C) Effective September 1, 2014, to the extent not already
 32 published on the school district's website under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of
 33 this section, the information and all electronic reports a school district is
 34 required to provide under the rules of the State Board of Education or by
 35 law.

36 ~~(2)(c)(1) Information~~ The information and data required to be made

1 available and easily accessible on the school district's website under
2 subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section shall be are the actual data for the
3 two (2) previous school years and the projected budgeted information for the
4 current school year.

5 (2) The information or data identified under subdivisions
6 (b)(1)(B) and (C) and subsection (c) of this section are the most current
7 information or data required to be reported, filed, submitted, or otherwise
8 provided by law or rule.

9 ~~(b)(d)~~ The department shall make the information and data required by
10 this section available and easily accessible on the department's website by
11 including direct links to the websites of all Arkansas school districts and
12 of the education service cooperatives that maintain school district websites.
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14 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1017(c), concerning the programs and
15 services of education service cooperatives, is amended to read as follows:

16 (c) ~~Education~~ An education service ~~cooperatives~~ cooperative may:

17 (1) provide Provide shared educational programs and services
18 such as needs assessment and school improvement planning, staff development,
19 curriculum development, itinerant teachers, instructional materials, adult
20 and vocational education, programs for gifted and talented, education for
21 children with disabilities, alternative educational programs, secondary area
22 vocational centers, and community-based education programs;

23 (2) Maintain the website of a school district served by the
24 education service cooperative; and

25 (3) Provide other services which the State Board of Education
26 may approve or which school districts may support with local funds.
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