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A Bill

SENATE BILL 794

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF THE
9 ADMINISTRATIVE ANNEXATION OR CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL
10 DISTRICTS, ASSUMPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY OF
11 A SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR CLOSURE OF A SCHOOL BY THE
12 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF THE
16 ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL
17 DISTRICTS, ASSUMPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE
18 AUTHORITY OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR
19 CLOSURE OF A SCHOOL BY THE STATE BOARD OF
20 EDUCATION.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 13, Subchapter 1, is amended
27 to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 6-13-112. Legislative review of decision of the State Board of
29 Education to assume the administration of a school district.

30 (a)(1) Within ten (10) days of the meeting of the State Board of
31 Education at which the board approves one (1) or more of the actions under
32 subsection (b) of this section, the Commissioner of Education shall provide a
33 copy of the recommendations and supporting information to the House Committee
34 on Education and the Senate Committee on Education for its review.

35 (2)(A) The information provided for review under this section
36 shall include the effective date for the proposed action.



1 (B) To allow time for review under this section, the
2 effective date of the proposed action shall be at least thirty (30) days from
3 the date on which the action is approved.

4 (3) The House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on
5 Education, meeting jointly, shall review the information presented under this
6 section by the proposed effective date of the proposed action taken under
7 subsection (b) of this section.

8 (b) This section applies to:

9 (A) The administrative annexation or consolidation of school
10 districts under § 6-13-1401 et seq. and § 6-13-1601 et seq.;

11 (B) The assumption by the commissioner of the administrative
12 authority of a school district classified as being in:

13 (i) Fiscal distress under the Arkansas Fiscal
14 Assessment and Accountability Program, § 6-13-1029 et seq.;

15 (ii) Academic distress under the Arkansas
16 Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program, § 6-15-401 et
17 seq.; or

18 (iii) Facilities distress under the Arkansas Public
19 School Facilities Program Act, § 6-21-811 et seq.; or

20 (C) The closure of a school under a program identified in
21 this subsection (b).

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