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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO BE GRANTED THE  
11 SAME WAIVERS THAT ARE GRANTED TO AN OPEN-ENROLLMENT  
12 PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL THAT DRAWS STUDENTS FROM THE  
13 SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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18 THE SAME WAIVERS THAT ARE GRANTED TO AN  
19 OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL  
20 THAT DRAWS STUDENTS FROM THE SCHOOL  
21 DISTRICT.

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

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 1, is amended  
27 to add an additional section to read as follows:

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6-15-103. School district waivers.

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(a) An elected school district board of directors of a school district  
30 with declining enrollment may petition the State Board of Education for all  
31 or some of the waivers granted to an open-enrollment public charter school  
32 that has drawn ten percent (10%) or more of the open-enrollment public  
33 charter school's students from the school district over the previous five (5)  
34 school years.

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(b) The petition for all or some of the waivers granted to an open-  
36 enrollment public charter school that is submitted by a school district board



1 of directors shall include:

2 (1) The name of the open-enrollment public charter school that  
3 draws students from the school district;

4 (2) A copy of the waivers granted to the open-enrollment public  
5 charter school; and

6 (3) A list of the waivers that the school district seeks to have  
7 granted.

8 (c)(1) The State Board of Education shall grant, in whole or in part,  
9 or deny, in whole or in part, a petition for a waiver submitted by a school  
10 district board of directors within ninety (90) days of receiving the  
11 petition.

12 (2) The state board shall notify the superintendent of the  
13 school district in writing of the decision of the state board.

14 (3) A waiver that is granted, in whole or in part, shall be  
15 valid for the duration that the waivers are valid for the open-enrollment  
16 public charter school.

17 (d) The State Board of Education may adopt rules as necessary to  
18 implement this section.

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