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A Bill

SENATE BILL 858

5 By: Senator E. Cheatham
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE
9 ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING
16 PUBLIC EDUCATION.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-431, concerning academic distress*
22 *rules, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:*

23 *(c) The state board may adopt by rule, criteria that permit the*
24 *following entities to be exempt from the identification and classification of*
25 *academic distress:*

26 *(1) A public school that is designated solely as an alternative*
27 *learning environment;*

28 *(2) An open-enrollment public charter school whose mission and*
29 *enrollment are primarily focused on students who have dropped out of high*
30 *school or are identified as at-risk students; and*

31 *(3) A conversion public charter school whose mission and*
32 *enrollment are primarily focused on students who have dropped out of high*
33 *school or are identified as at-risk students.*
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35 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2106, concerning school rating system*
36 *rules, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:*



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