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8	For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO AMEND AND UPDATE VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE	
10	ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION; AND FOR	
11	OTHER PURPOSES.	
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14	Subtitle	
15	TO AMEND AND UPDATE VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF	
16	THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC	
17	EDUCATION.	
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:	
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22	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-11-125(b), concerning the use of	
23	information technology to eliminate the amount of paperwork by the State	
24	Board of Education, is repealed.	
25	(b) The State Board of Education, acting through the department, sha	.11
26	use every means available to eliminate the amount of paperwork required by	
27	state law and regulations to be reported from each local school district by	<u>r</u>
28	utilizing to the fullest extent possible, beginning no later than July 1,	
29	1998, the information technology network linking local school districts and	F
30	the department.	
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32	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-11-126 is repealed.	
33	6-11-126. Computer funds approval.	
34	Before the Department of Education obligates any funds for the purcha	<del>se</del>
35	or lease of a computer for the Arkansas Public School Computer Network, the	<u>+</u>
36	department shall first seek prior review from the Joint Interim Oversight	

1	Subcommittee on Educational Reform.
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3	SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-11-127, is amended to read as follows:
4	6-11-127. School district boundaries.
5	The Commissioner of Education Arkansas Geographic Information Systems
6	Office shall keep for the Commissioner of Education records showing
7	descriptions of each school district in the state, a map showing the school
8	districts with their boundaries, the location of the schoolhouses, and the
9	electoral zones, if any, into which each school district has been divided.
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11	SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1403(d)(2)(B), concerning the
12	conditions under which the State Board of Education may annex school
13	districts, is amended to read as follows:
14	(B) It <del>shall be</del> <u>is</u> the duty of the <del>Department of Education</del>
15	Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Office to make changes in the maps of
16	the school districts to properly show the boundary lines of the receiving
17	district or districts.
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19	SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1404(d)(2)(B), concerning the
20	conditions under which the State Board of Education may consolidate school
21	districts, is amended to read as follows:
22	(B) It <del>shall be</del> <u>is</u> the duty of the <del>Department of Education</del>
23	Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Office to make changes in the maps of
24	the school districts to properly show the boundary lines of the resulting
25	district or districts.
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27	SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1414(d), concerning boundary changes
28	by the State Board of Education, is amended to read as follows:
29	(d) Upon an order from the state board to change or adjust boundary
30	lines, it shall be the duty of the Department of Education Arkansas
31	Geographic Information Systems Office to immediately make changes in the maps
32	of the school districts of the county to show the changes of boundaries.
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34	SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 6-14-113 is repealed.
35	6-14-113. Election kits for school elections.
36	(a) In order that the annual school elections held throughout this

-	beate will be conducted in a more uniform manner, the beate beat of
2	Education is authorized and directed to prepare and distribute annually upon
3	the request of the county board of election commissioners of each county
4	annual school election kits or packages designed especially for conducting
5	annual school elections in the manner required by law.
6	(b) The kits or packages shall contain forms for a list of voters and
7	duplicate list of voters, tally sheets, oaths of election officials,
8	certificates of results, and notices of election. In addition thereto, the
9	kits or packages shall contain carbon paper, envelopes for regular,
10	irregular, and spoiled ballots, instructions for voters and election
11	officials, seals, and other necessary equipment and supplies except ballot
12	boxes, ballots, and certified lists of eligible voters, which shall be
13	furnished to the election officials in the manner provided by law.
14	(c)(l) The kits or packages provided for in this section shall be
15	distributed annually to the several county boards of election commissioners
16	at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual school election.
17	(2) A sufficient number of kits or packages shall be supplied to
18	each county in order that at least one (1) kit or package may be made
19	available at each voting precinct or voting place in the county.
20	(d) The cost of the kits or packages prepared by the Department of
21	Education pursuant to this section shall be paid from the maintenance funds
22	provided for the department by legislative appropriation.
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24	SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 6-15-202(f)(15), concerning development of
25	regulations and standards for accreditation, is repealed.
26	(15) Section 6-15-2009 [repealed] concerning remedial
27	instruction;
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29	SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 6-15-202(f)(22) and (23), concerning
30	development of regulations and standards for accreditation regarding health
31	education and oral health standards, are repealed.
32	(22) Section 6-16-1002 [repealed] concerning health education;
33	(23) Section 6-16-1003 [repealed] concerning oral health
34	standards;
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SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 6-15-202(f)(31), concerning development of

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     regulations and standards for accreditation regarding the qualifications for
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     valedictorian and salutatorian, is amended to read as follows:
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                       Section 6-18-101 concerning qualifications for
     valedictorian and salutatorian, if applicable;
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           SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 6-15-202(f)(35), concerning development of
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     regulations and standards for accreditation regarding attendance, is
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     repealed.
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                 (35) Section 6-18-211 [repealed] concerning attendance for
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     students in grades nine through twelve (9-12);
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           SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1005(f)(1), concerning safe,
     equitable, and accountable public schools, is amended to read as follows:
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           (f)(1) All public schools will have a program plan of parental
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     involvement.
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           SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1402(a), concerning the rules
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     regarding school performance reports, is amended to read as follows:
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           (a)(1) In order to generally improve public school accountability, to
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     provide benchmarks for measuring individual school improvement, and to
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     empower parents and guardians of children enrolled in Arkansas public schools
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     by providing them with the information to judge the quality of their schools,
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     the Department of Education shall annually prepare and publish annually a
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     school performance report for each individual public school in the state,
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     including without limitation the Arkansas School for the Deaf, the Arkansas
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     School for the Blind, and the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and
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     the Arts, and shall distribute the report to notify the House Committee on
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     Education and the Senate Committee on Education of the availability of the
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     report on the department website no later than April 15 each year.
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                 (2)(A) The school performance report for each school shall be
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     made available to every parent or guardian of a child in kindergarten through
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     grade twelve (K-12) in the public schools of Arkansas by posting the school
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     performance report for each school on the website of the department by April
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     15 each year and the website of the school district in which the public
     schools addressed in the school performance report are located no later than
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     April 15 each year.
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1	(B) Each school district shall post the school performance
2	report for each of its schools on the district's website not later than ten
3	(10) days after it is posted on the department's website.
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5	SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1402(b)(2), concerning a school
6	performance report for elementary schools, is amended to read as follows:
7	(2) The school performance report for elementary schools shall:
8	(A) Include three-year trend data and allow parents or
9	guardians to compare the school's performance with state and national
10	averages in areas and shall include, but not be limited to, without
11	<u>limitation</u> the following measures:
12	(i) School safety;
13	(ii) Statewide student assessment results beginning
14	with grade three (3);
15	(iii) Licensed staff qualifications;
16	<pre>(iv) Total per-pupil spending;</pre>
17	(v) Assessment of the local taxpayer investment in
18	the school district;
19	(vi) Percentage of students eligible to receive free
20	or reduced-price meals;
21	(vii) Average salary of the staff; and
22	(viii) Average attendance rates for students; and
23	(B) Indicate separately whether:
24	(i) The school distributed the school's student
25	discipline policy to parents;
26	(ii) The school's teachers, administrators,
27	classified school employees, and volunteers have been provided with
28	appropriate student discipline training; and
29	(iii) The school district has adopted a parental
30	involvement plan in compliance with § 6-15-1702.
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32	SECTION 15. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1704(a), concerning the annual review
33	of parental involvement plans, is amended to read as follows:
34	(a) Annually by <del>October</del> <u>August</u> 1, every school district shall review
35	and update the school district's parental involvement plan and:
36	(1) File a copy of the plan with the Department of Education:

1	(2) Place a copy of the plan on the school district's website;
2	and
3	(3)(A) Place a parent-friendly summary of the plan as a
4	supplement to the student handbook.
5	(B) The parent shall sign a form acknowledging receipt of
6	the summary and return the signed form to the school where the student is
7	enrolled.
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9	SECTION 16. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2006(b)(1), concerning annual school
10	performance reports, is amended to read as follows:
11	(b)(1) A school district board of directors shall publish annually the
12	school performance report required by § 6-15-2101 on its website <u>not later</u>
13	than ten (10) days after it is posted on the department's website, with the
14	option of also publishing it in the local newspaper <del>, by October 15 of each</del>
15	year, and the following information on the prior school year or the latest
16	information available:
17	(A) By grade level, economic status, and ethnicity, the
18	number and percentage of all students in kindergarten through grade twelve
19	(K-12) performing at each category level on the statewide student assessment,
20	the percentile rankings by school and grade level on any other assessments as
21	required by the State Board of Education, the number of students taking
22	advanced placement courses or courses offered under the International
23	Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, the number taking the advanced placement
24	exams, and the percent of students making a 3, 4, or 5 on advanced placement
25	exams;
26	(B) By grade level, the number and percentage of all
27	students retained in grades one through eight (1-8);
28	(C) The graduation rate, grade inflation rate, drop-out
29	rate for grades nine through twelve (9-12), and college remediation rate;
30	(D) The number of students transferring pursuant to the
31	unsafe school provision of § 6-18-320; and
32	(E) The number of students transferring pursuant to the
33	Arkansas Opportunity Public School Choice Act of 2004, § 6-18-227.
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35	SECTION 17. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2202(b)(2), concerning access to
36	public school information on school improvement plans for school districts

1	classified as in need of Level 5 — Intensive support, is amended to read as
2	follows:
3	(2) A parent-friendly explanation of:
4	(A) The level of support being provided to the public
5	school district;
6	(B) The status of each public school in the public school
7	district; and
8	(C) Why why the public school district is receiving Level
9	5 — Intensive support, a school is identified as $\underline{\text{in need of}}$ targeted or
10	comprehensive <u>support</u> , or the public school district is in fiscal distress
11	and what the public school district is doing to be removed from Level 5 $-$
12	Intensive support, to remove the school or schools within the public school
13	district from being identified as <u>in need of</u> targeted or comprehensive
14	<pre>support, or to be removed from fiscal distress;</pre>
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16	SECTION 18. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2202(c)(1), concerning access to
17	public school information on school improvement plans and a school's
18	compliance with the standards for accrditation, is amended to read as
19	follows:
20	(1) Directly monitors a school for compliance with standards and
21	for accreditation; or
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23	SECTION 19. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2401(b), concerning review of
24	Arkansas Placement Status Reports and reports of students needing
25	remediation, is repealed.
26	(b) As a part of the school improvement plan pursuant to § 6-15-2201
27	{repealed}, the State Board of Education shall ensure that each school
28	district and high school develops strategies to improve student readiness for
29	the public postsecondary level based on annual analysis of the feedback
30	report data.
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32	SECTION 20. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2502(a), concerning the establishment
33	of educational renewal zones, is amended to read as follows:
34	(a) Effective July 1, 2004, any $\underline{A}$ public school, $\underline{an}$ education service
35	cooperative, or $\underline{an}$ institution of higher education is authorized to enter
36	into one (1) or more interlocal agreements through which they collaborate to

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3	SECTION 21. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2502(c)(1), concerning the
4	establishment of educational renewal zones to improve school performance and
5	achievement, is amended to read as follows:
6	(1) Identify and implement education and management strategies
7	designed specifically to improve public school performance and student
8	academic achievement throughout the State of Arkansas, with special focus on
9	the state's most academically distressed public schools in need of support;
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11	SECTION 22. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2502(d)(3)(B)(ii), concerning the
12	establishment of educational renewal zones, is amended to read as follows:
13	(ii) A public school district designated classified
14	by the Department of Education as a school in school improvement or a school
15	in a school district designated by the department as being in academic
16	distress need of Level 5-intensive support shall participate in an education
17	renewal zone if requested to do so by the department, and the division
18	working with the department shall establish priorities of establishing
19	education renewal zones for those schools, which shall be contingent on the
20	appropriation availability of funding for the renewal zones.
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22	SECTION 23. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2502(d)(3)(C)(i) and (ii), concerning
23	the establishment of educational renewal zones for schools identified as at
24	risk or classified as in need of Level $5$ — Intensive support, are amended to
25	read as follows:
26	(i) The school is <del>classified</del> <u>identified</u> as a school
27	in school improvement or alert status for school improvement at risk for
28	meeting school performance indicators for all students or for any one (1)
29	<u>identified subpopulation</u> under the Arkansas state <del>compliance</del> plan under the
30	No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 Every Student Succeeds Act, 20 U.S.C. § 6301
31	et seq. Pub. L. No. 114-95;
32	(ii) The school lies within a school district
33	designated by the department classified by the State Board of Education as in
34	academic distress or financial distress need of Level 5 - Intensive support
35	under the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability
36	Program Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act, § 6-15-2901 et

improve public school performance and academic achievement.

1 seq.; 2 3 SECTION 24. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2503(a), concerning inclusion of 4 schools within designated educational renewal zones, is amended to read as 5 follows: 6 (a)(1) The Division of Education Renewal Zones, the State Board of 7 Education, and the local school districts shall exercise due diligence to 8 assure, to the extent that funds are available, that each school classified 9 identified as a school in school improvement need of support under the No 10 Child Left Behind Act of 2001 Every Student Succeeds Act, 20 U.S.C. § 6301 et 11 seq., as in existence on December 1, 2003 Pub. L. No. 114-95, is included in 12 a designated education renewal zone. 13 (2) The state board may promulgate rules establishing criteria 14 for the placement of schools in school improvement need of support in a 15 designated education renewal zone if insufficient funds exist to place all 16 schools in school improvement need of support in a designated education 17 renewal zone. 18 19 SECTION 25. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2504(a) and (b), concerning school 20 improvement plans, are amended to read as follows: 21 Each school participating in an education renewal zone shall 22 develop and implement a school school-level improvement plan. 23 Each school-level improvement plan shall at a minimum 24 include the following: 25 Goals for improving student achievement; (1) 26 (2) Measurable benchmarks for achieving student improvement 27 goals; 28 (3) A timeline for reaching goals in improving student 29 achievement; and 30 (4) Requirements for services to be provided by the education 31 renewal zone partners. 32 33 SECTION 26. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2605(e)(1) and (2), concerning the 34 application forms and procedures for the Rewarding Excellence in Achievement 35 Program, are amended to read as follows:

In order to participate in the Rewarding Excellence in

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1	Achievement Program, a public school district or public charter school <del>must</del>
2	shall have an approved comprehensive school improvement plan, as defined in §
3	6-15-419(9) [repealed] a district support plan that outlines the role of the
4	district in supporting the Rewarding Excellence in Achievement Program.
5	(2) Before full implementation of a Rewarding Excellence in
6	Achievement plan, the <del>comprehensive school improvement plan</del> <u>school-level</u>
7	improvement plan of the public school, public school district, or public
8	charter school shall include:
9	(A) Assessment and evaluation tools to measure student
10	performance and progress based on an achievement gains model;
11	(B) Performance goals and benchmarks for improvement;
12	(C) Measures of student attendance and completion rates;
13	(D) A rigorous professional development system consistent
14	with the comprehensive school improvement plan defined in § 6-15-419(9) and
15	student academic improvement plans as defined in § 6-15-419(3);
16	(E) Measures of student, family, and community involvement
17	and satisfaction;
18	(F) A data reporting system about students and their
19	academic progress that provides parents and the public with understandable
20	information;
21	(G) A teacher induction and mentoring program for
22	probationary teachers that provides continuous learning and sustained teacher
23	support; and
24	(H) Substantial participation by teachers in developing
25	the Rewarding Excellence in Achievement plan.
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27	SECTION 27. Arkansas Code $\S$ 6-15-2606(c)(1)(A), concerning the
28	contents of a Rewarding Excellence in Achievement plan regarding achievement
29	gains of students in a teacher's class, is amended to read as follows:
30	(1)(A) Achievement gains of students in each teacher's class on
31	student scores under the statewide $\underline{\text{student}}$ assessment $\underline{\text{program}}$ $\underline{\text{system}}$
32	described in § $6-15-433$ $6-15-2907$ .
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34	SECTION 28. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2606(c)(2)(A), concerning the

gains of students on a school-wide basis, is amended to read as follows:

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contents of a Rewarding Excellence in Achievement plan regarding achievement

1	(2)(A) Achievement gains of students on a school-wide basis
2	under the statewide <u>student</u> assessment <del>program</del> <u>system</u> described in § <del>6-15-433</del>
3	<del>[repealed]</del> 6-15-2907.
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5	SECTION 29. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2606(c)(3)(A), concerning the
6	Rewarding Excellence in Achievement Program regarding a teacher evaluation,
7	is amended to read as follows:
8	(A) An individual objective teacher evaluation conducted
9	by the school principal that is aligned with the comprehensive school
10	improvement plan and professional development plan described in § 6-15-2607;
11	and
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13	SECTION 30. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2701(c)(2), concerning the use of
14	national school lunch state categorical funding for chronically
15	underperforming schools, is amended to read as follows:
16	(2) In a chronically underperforming school's comprehensive
17	school school-level improvement plan, direct the use of national school lunch
18	state categorical funding for strategies to close gaps in academic
19	achievement, including without limitation:
20	(A) Using an Arkansas Scholastic Audit;
21	(B) Using disaggregated school data to set academic
22	improvement targets in reading, writing, mathematics, and science;
23	(C) Using improvement targets to define professional
24	development needs related to content, instruction, differentiation, and best
25	practices in educating special education students, gifted and talented
26	students, English language learners, and other student subgroups as needed;
27	(D) Developing interim building-level assessments to
28	monitor student progress toward proficiency on the state benchmark
29	assessments;
30	(E) Developing a plan to immediately address gaps in
31	learning;
32	(F) Examining and realigning, as needed, school
33	scheduling, academic support systems, and assignments of personnel; and
34	(G) Designing a plan for increasing parental knowledge and
35	skill to support academic objectives; and
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1	SECTION 31. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2701(d)(1), concerning school
2	improvement plans for chronically underperforming schools, is amended to read
3	as follows:
4	(1) Monitoring school school-level improvement plans; and
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6	SECTION 32. Arkansas Code § 6-17-119(b)(7), concerning alternative pay
7	programs included in a school district's comprehensive school improvement
8	plan, is amended to read as follows:
9	(7) The program is aligned and linked to each school's
10	comprehensive school improvement included in the district's support plan;
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12	SECTION 33. Arkansas Code § 6-17-209(g), concerning interim personnel
13	policy committees, is amended to read as follows:
14	(g) The provisions of this This section shall does not apply to
15	instances in which the State Board of Education votes to annex or consolidate
16	one (1) school district to or with two (2) or more receiving or resulting
17	school districts due to enforcement by the state board of the provisions of
18	this title relating to academic distress Level 5 - Intensive support,
19	academic facilities distress, fiscal distress, or violations of the Standards
20	for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.
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22	SECTION 34. Arkansas Code § 6-17-402(j)(1), concerning core licensure
23	areas under the State Board of Education rules, is amended to read as
24	follows:
25	(1) Early Childhood Elementary Education (K-6);
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27	SECTION 35. Arkansas Code § 6-18-701 is amended to read as follows:
28	6-18-701. Physical examinations — Individualized healthcare plans.
29	(a) It shall be lawful for the $\underline{\text{The}}$ board of directors of $\underline{\text{any}}$ $\underline{\text{a}}$ school
30	district $\frac{in\ this\ state\ to\ }{may}$ appoint and provide for the payment of $\frac{at\ least}{may}$
31	one (1) <del>or more physicians or nurses</del> physician or nurse and <del>to</del> assign <del>any</del>
32	person so employed the physician or nurse to the public schools of the
33	district for the purpose of making <del>such</del> physical examinations of the <del>pupils</del>
34	of the schools public school students as may be prescribed in the rules and
35	regulations of the State Board of Education.

(b) The nature of the examination shall be only  $\frac{1}{2}$  such as to detect

1 contagious or infectious diseases or any defect of sight, hearing, or 2 function or condition of health tending to prevent any that may prevent a 3 pupil from receiving the full benefit of school work.

- (c) It shall be the duty of any physician or nurse so employed to The physician or nurse appointed under subsection (a) of this section shall make such examinations for contagious or infectious disease, including without limitation the teeth and mouth, whenever the examination may be deemed necessary, and to make examination for other defects at least one (1) time in each school year, preferably at or near the beginning of the year.
- (d) In any  $\underline{a}$  city, town, or any county where the health authorities are providing provide for the physical examination of public school children substantially as contemplated students provided in this section, the examination provided for in this section need not may not be made by any school physician or school nurse.
- (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing boards of directors from requiring teachers to make such tests of sight and hearing as may be prescribed by the board of directors.
- (f)(e)(1) Any pupil A public school student may be excused from the examination herein provided for under this section on presentation of a certificate from a reputable physician that the physician has recently examined the pupil public school student or on presentation of a written statement of the pupil's public school student's parent or guardian that the parent or guardian objects to the examination of his or her child or ward. but this provision shall not be applicable
- (2) However, subdivision (e)(1) does not apply in the case of a pupil public school student suspected of having a contagious or infectious disease.
- (f)(1) A public school student with special healthcare needs, including without limitation a student who has a chronic illness, is considered medically fragile, or who is dependent on technology, shall have an individualized healthcare plan that is developed in collaboration with the school nurse.
- 33 (2) An invasive medical procedure required by the public school
  34 student and provided at the public school shall be performed by trained and
  35 licensed, licensed healthcare provider who is licensed to perform the task
  36 under § 17-87-102(10)(D) or other professional licensure statutes, unless

- 1 otherwise permissible under  $\S 17-87-103(10)$  and (11).
- 2 (3) A regular classroom teacher shall not perform tasks under
- 3 <u>subdivision (f)(2) of this section</u>, except as otherwise permissible under §
- 4 6-18-711(c).
- 5 (4) Custodial healthcare services required by a public school
- 6 student under an individualized healthcare plan shall be provided by trained
- 7 school employees other than the regular classroom teacher.

- 9 SECTION 36. Arkansas Code § 6-18-709(g), concerning the report to the
- 10 Department of Education of certain information regarding school nurses, is
- 11 amended to read as follows:
- 12 (g) Annually, beginning on July 1, 2015 by August 31, a school
- 13 district shall report the following to the Department of Education:
- 14 (1) The number of full-time nurses employed by the school
- 15 district;
- 16 (2) The number of part-time nurses employed by the school
- 17 district;
- 18 (3) The number of full-time nurses with whom the school district
- 19 contracts for service;
- 20 (4) The number of part-time nurses with whom the school district
- 21 contracts for service;
- 22 (5) The level of licensure of each nurse working in the school
- 23 district;
- 24 (6) The highest degree obtained for each nurse working in the
- 25 school district;
- 26 (7) The amount of pay, including <u>without limitation the</u> source
- 27 of funding, for each nurse working in the school district; and
- 28 (8) The number of students in the school district that are in
- 29 each nursing acuity level as follows:
- 30 (A) Level 1 for students with occasional health concerns
- 31 and routine health screenings at a ratio of one (1) school nurse per seven
- 32 hundred fifty (750) students;
- 33 (B) Level 2 for students with healthcare concerns and
- 34 those that require an individualized healthcare plan at a ratio of one (1)
- 35 school nurse per four hundred (400) students;
- 36 (C) Level 3 for students with medically complex conditions

- 1 at a ratio of one (1) school nurse per two hundred twenty-five (225) 2 students: 3 (D) Level 4 for students with medically fragile conditions 4 at a ratio of one (1) school nurse per one hundred twenty-five (125) 5 students; and 6 (E) Level 5 for students that are nursing dependent at a 7 ratio of one (1) school nurse per one (1) student. 8 9 SECTION 37. Arkansas Code § 6-18-711, concerning the administration of 10 medication to a public school student with diabetes, is amended to add an 11 additional subsection to read as follows: 12 (c) A public school employee may volunteer to be trained to administer 13 and may administer glucagon to a student with Type 1 diabetes in an emergency 14 situation as permitted under § 17-87-103(11). 15 16 SECTION 38. Arkansas Code § 6-18-1803(b), concerning the Arkansas 17 Commission on Eye and Vision Care of School-Age Children, is amended to read
- 18 as follows: 19 (b) The commission and the Department of Education shall report their 20 findings and updates to the Governor, the Legislative Council, and the House 21 Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and Senate Committee on Public

Health, Welfare, and Labor two (2) times per year annually.

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- SECTION 39. Arkansas Code § 6-18-1803(c)(1) and (2), concerning the Arkansas Commission on Eye and Vision Care of School-Age Children, are amended to read as follows:
- (c)(1)(A) The commission may accept any and all donations, grants of money, gifts, appropriations, instruments, equipment, supplies, materials, and services, conditional or otherwise, from private sources, from municipal and county governments, from the state, and from the United States government.
- 32 (B) (2) The commission may use any of its resources to 33 further the commission's purposes and functions.
- 34 (2)(A) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, 35 Auditor of State, and Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a special revenue 36 fund to be known as the "School Age Children Eye and Vision Care Fund".

1	$\frac{(B)(1)}{(3)}$ All moneys collected under this section shall be
2	deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the fund as special
3	revenues a cash fund within the State Treasury to be maintained by the
4	department.
5	(ii) The fund shall also consist of any other
6	revenues authorized by law.
7	(iii) Within thirty (30) days after the effective
8	date of this subchapter, the commission shall transfer all funds currently
9	held to the fund.
10	(C) The fund shall be used by the commission for the
11	purpose of carrying out its responsibilities under this section.
12	(D) Any money not used by the commission within a fiscal
13	year to carry out its responsibilities under this section shall be carried
14	forward into the next fiscal year.
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16	SECTION 40. Arkansas Code § 6-18-1803(e)-(g), concerning the Arkansas
17	Commission on Eye and Vision Care of School-Age Children, are amended to read
18	as follows:
19	(e)(1) In conjunction with the department, the commission shall
20	develop criteria for passage or failure of a vision screening and criteria
21	for referral for a comprehensive eye examination.
22	(2) The department shall adopt the criteria as rules promulgated
23	under the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.
24	(f) In conjunction with the department, the commission shall develop
25	standardized forms to be used with regard to conducting and reporting the
26	results of eye and vision screenings.
27	(g) The commission and the department shall evaluate and approve the
28	vision screening instruments, equipment, and other testing items that are
29	used to conduct the eye and vision screenings.
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31	SECTION 41. Arkansas Code § 6-18-1804 is repealed.
32	6-18-1804. Funding.
33	(a)(1) The Arkansas Commission on Eye and Vision Care of School-Age
34	Children's funding shall be from grants, donations, and any other funds that
35	may be made available through appropriations by the General Assembly.
36	(2) Moneys received by the commission shall be used solely for

1 the support of the functions of the commission. 2 (b)(1) Grants and donations received by the commission shall be cash 3 funds and shall be administered by the Arkansas Department of Health but 4 shall be subject to appropriation by the General Assembly. 5 (2) Any moneys received from grantors and donors that are not 6 expended by the commission shall be returned to the grantors and donors in 7 proportion that each bears to the total of all grants and donations received 8 by the commission. 9 10 SECTION 42. Arkansas Code § 6-19-106 is amended to read as follows: 11 6-19-106. Bus drivers - Qualifications. 12 (a) No person physically defective or of unsound mind, known to be a 13 habitual drunkard or of immoral habits, or A person who has been convicted 14 within the past three (3) years of operating a motor vehicle in a reckless 15 manner or while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs, 16 who has a general reputation of being a fast and reckless operator of motor 17 vehicles without regard to the rights of others, or who is less than nineteen 18 (19) years of age on June 30 following his or her last birthday shall not be 19 permitted or employed to act as chauffeur or operator of operate any school 20 bus, either privately or publicly owned, operated by public school districts 21 and used to transport pupils to and from the public schools in the State of 22 Arkansas. 23 (b)(1) All school bus drivers employed as provided herein are exempt 24 from the regular chauffeur's license as heretofore required by law. 25 (2) This subsection does not, however, apply to drivers of buses 26 operated for other purpose or purposes than to transport school children. 27 28 SECTION 43. Arkansas Code § 6-20-106 is repealed. 29 6-20-106. Amendment 74 rules and regulations. 30 Due to pending public school finance litigation, before any rules and 31 regulations pursuant to the implementation of Arkansas Constitution, 32 Amendment 74, are reviewed by the Administrative Rules and Regulations 33 Subcommittee of the Legislative Council and adopted by the Department of

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Litigation Reports Oversight Subcommittee of the Legislative Council.

1 SECTION 44. Arkansas Code § 6-20-210 is repealed. 2 6-20-210. Pulaski County desegregation. 3 (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, and for each fiscal year 4 thereafter, the Department of Education shall, from time to time as needed, 5 certify to the Treasurer of State and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State 6 the amount of funds disbursed or approved to be disbursed by the department 7 for desegregation expenses under the Pulaski County School Desegregation 8 Settlement Agreement. 9 (b) Upon the receipt of the certification and after making those 10 deductions as set out in § 19-5-202(b)(2)(B), the Treasurer of State shall 11 also deduct from the net general revenues the amount certified and transfer 12 this amount to the Department of Education Public School Fund Account, there 13 to be used exclusively for payment of or reimbursement for expenses incurred 14 from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account under the 15 agreement. 16 17 SECTION 45. Arkansas Code § 6-20-212 is repealed. 18 6-20-212. Desegregation expenses. 19 (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, and for each fiscal year 20 thereafter, the Department of Education shall from time to time, as needed, 21 certify to the Treasurer of State and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, 22 the amount of funds disbursed or approved to be disbursed by the department 23 for desegregation expenses under any desegregation settlement agreement. 24 (b) Upon the receipt of the certification, the Treasurer of State, 25 after making those deductions as set out in § 19-5-202(b)(2)(B), shall also 26 deduct from the net general revenues the amount certified and transfer this 27 amount to the Department of Education Public School Fund Account, there to be 28 used exclusively for payment of or reimbursement for expenses incurred from 29 the account under any desegregation settlement agreement. 30 31 SECTION 46. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2203(c)(3)-(8), concerning uniform 32 budget and accounting system regarding specific categories of public school 33 and public school district expenditures, are amended to read as follows: 34 (3)(A) Categories and descriptions of public school and school 35 district expenditures that allow for the gathering of data on separate

functions and programs provided by law, including without limitation the

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    following expenditures:
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                             (i)(A) Athletic expenditures;
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                             (v)(E) Instructional facilitators;
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                             (vi)(F) Supervisory aides;
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                             (viii) (H) Property insurance; and
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                             (ix)(I) Expenditures of court-ordered desegregation
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     funding.
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    categories in this subdivision (c)(3) beginning with the 2007-2008 school
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    year;
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                 (4) (A) Categories and descriptions of public school and school
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     district expenditures that allow for the tracking of expenditures from the
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     following sources of revenue:
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                             (i)(A) Student growth;
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                             (ii) (B) Declining enrollment;
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                             (iii)(C) Special education catastrophic high-cost
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    occurrences;
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                             (iv)(D) Special education services;
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                             (v)(E) Technology grants;
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                             (vi)(F) Debt service funding supplement;
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                             (vii)(G) General facilities funding;
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                             (viii) (H) Distance learning;
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                             (ix)(I) Gifted and talented; and
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                             (x)(J) Court-ordered desegregation funding.
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                       (B) The department shall complete a trial implementation
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    of the revenue categories in subdivisions (c)(4)(A)(i) and (ii) of this
    section by the end of the 2007-2008 school year and fully implement all
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    revenue categories in this subdivision (c)(4) beginning with the 2008-2009
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    school year;
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                 (5)(A) Categories and descriptions of student management coding,
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1	(ii)(B) Daily route mileage→
2	(B) The department shall implement this subdivision (c)(5)
3	beginning with the 2007-2008 school year;
4	(6) $\frac{(A)}{(A)}$ Categories and descriptions of restricted fund balances
5	that provide documentation of the purpose for the restriction.
6	(B) The department shall implement this subdivision (c)(6)
7	beginning with the 2007-2008 school year;
8	(7) Categories and descriptions of expenditures that each
9	education service cooperative shall report on its annual report authorized by
10	law; and
11	(8)(A) Rules relating to computing error rates in coding and
12	reporting financial information under the system and penalties to focus on
13	areas needing improvement.
14	(B) The department shall implement this subdivision (e)(8)
15	beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.
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17	SECTION 47. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2206(c)(5)(A), concerning
18	miscellaneous provisions under the Arkansas Educational Financial Accounting
19	and Reporting Act of 2004, is amended to read as follows:
20	(5)(A) All pupil attendance records shall be kept in their
21	original form and shall be public records.
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23	SECTION 48. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2207(a)(3), concerning rulemaking
24	authority under the Arkansas Educational Financial Accounting and Reporting
25	Act of 2004, is amended to read as follows:
26	(3) As necessary to comply with federal law, the Arkansas
27	Handbook <u>initially</u> shall comply with the Financial Accounting for Local and
28	State School Systems, 2003 Edition (NCES 2004-318). The Arkansas Handbook
29	shall be exempt from the rule-making process and procedures required pursuant
30	to the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.
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32	SECTION 49. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2303(21), concerning public school
33	funding definitions, is amended to read as follows:
34	(21) "Special education <del>catastrophic</del> <u>high-cost</u> occurrences"
35	means individual cases in which special education and related services
36	required by the individualized education program of a particular student with

disabilities are unduly expensive, extraordinary, or beyond the routine and normal costs associated with special education and related services provided by a school district and funding is pursuant to rules promulgated by the state board;

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SECTION 50. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(C)(iii), concerning use of a school district's national school lunch state categorical funds, is amended to read as follows:

(iii) The school district shall include with its comprehensive school school-level improvement plan a written detailed statement concerning how the school district will use its excess national school lunch categorical funds each school year and explaining in detail the amount of funds and percent of total funds to be used to supplement all classroom teacher salaries as allowed in subdivision (b)(4)(C)(ii) of this section.

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- 17 SECTION 51. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(c), concerning public school funding, is amended to read as follows:
- 19 (c) Isolated funding under § 6-20-601, student growth funding, and
  20 special education-eatastrophic education high-cost occurrences funding shall
  21 be funded as follows:
  - (1) Isolated funding and special education-eatastrophic education high-cost occurrences funding shall be allocated and funded to school districts in a line item appropriation within the Public School Fund pursuant to law or rules promulgate by the State Board of Education; and
  - (2) Student growth funding is calculated as the sum of the following amounts:
- 28 (A) One quarter (1/4) of the per student foundation 29 funding for the school district under subdivision (a)(2) of this section 30 multiplied by the increase, if any, of each of the following:
- 31 (i) The school district's quarterly average daily 32 membership for the fourth quarter of the previous school year over the 33 average daily membership of the previous school year;
- 34 (ii) The school district's quarterly average daily
  35 membership for the first quarter of the current school year over the average
  36 daily membership of the previous school year;

1	(iii) The school district's quarterly average daily
2	membership for the second quarter of the current year over the average daily
3	membership of the previous school year; and
4	(iv) The school district's quarterly average daily
5	membership for the third quarter of the current school year over the average
6	daily membership of the previous school year;
7	(B) Excluding any increase resulting solely from
8	consolidation or annexation with another school district; and
9	(C) If net revenues minus any recoupment under subdivision
10	(a)(4)(B) of this section plus miscellaneous funds calculated under $\S$ 6-20-
11	2308(b)(1)(A) exceed the foundation funding amount, a school district shall
12	be eligible to receive the amount of calculated student growth funding that
13	exceeds net revenues minus any recoupment under subdivision (a)(4)(B) of this
14	section plus miscellaneous funds calculated under § 6-20-2308(b)(1)(A).
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16	SECTION 52. Arkansas Code § 6-21-112(f)(14), concerning the records of
17	the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation, is
18	amended to read as follows:
19	(14) Keep records showing a description of each school
20	district in the state, a map showing the school districts with current and
21	accurate boundaries, the location of the academic facilities in the state by
22	school district, and the electoral zones, if any, into which each school
23	district has been divided;
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25	SECTION 53. Arkansas Code § 6-21-403(c), concerning requirements under
26	the Free Textbook Act of 1975, is amended to read as follows:
27	(c) Any materials Materials purchased with state funds shall be
28	consistent with the <del>curriculum</del> <u>Arkansas Academic Content Standards</u> and
29	educational goals established by the State Board of Education.
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31	SECTION 54. Arkansas Code § 6-21-403(d)(2), concerning requirements
32	under the Free Textbook Act of 1975, is amended to read as follows:
33	(2) The state board, through the department, may promulgate
34	rules as may be necessary to carry out this subchapter <del>and shall report to</del>
35	the members of the House Committee on Education and Senate Committee on
36	Education appually any school district out of compliance by November 1 of

T	each year.
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3	SECTION 55. Arkansas Code § 6-23-105(e)(1)(A), concerning the basis
4	and procedure for public charter school probation or charter modification,
5	revocation, or denial of removal, is amended to read as follows:
6	(e)(1)(A) Immediately upon the revocation of $\frac{1}{4}$ an open-enrollment
7	charter by the authorizer, the public charter school shall:
8	(i) Transfer to the department all state funds held
9	by the public charter school, which the department shall hold in
10	receivership; and
11	(ii) Provide to the department a detailed accounting
12	of all accounts payable due from the state funds and any additional
13	information or records requested by the department concerning the
14	disbursement of the state funds.
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16	SECTION 56. Arkansas Code § 6-23-108(c)(2)(B), concerning a School for
17	Agricultural Studies that is not currently classified in academic distress,
18	is amended to read as follows:
19	(B) Not currently be classified in <del>academic distress</del> <u>need</u>
20	of Level 5 - Intensive support, fiscal distress, or facilities distress;
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22	SECTION 57. Arkansas Code § 6-23-304(b)(2) and (3), concerning
23	preference to open enrollment charter schools in certain school districts,
24	are amended to read as follows:
25	(2) When the district has been classified by the state board as
26	in academic distress under § 6-15-428 [repealed] need of Level 5 — Intensive
27	support under § 6-15-2915; or
28	(3) When the district has been classified by the Department of
29	Education as in some phase of school improvement status under § 6-15-426
30	<del>[repealed] or</del> some phase of fiscal distress under the Arkansas Fiscal
31	Assessment and Accountability Program, § 6-20-1901 et seq., if the fiscal
32	distress status is a result of administrative fiscal mismanagement, as
33	determined by the state board.
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35	SECTION 58. Arkansas Code § 6-23-304(d)(2)(B), concerning preference
36	to open enrollment charter schools in certain school districts that are

1	classified as in academic or fiscal distress, is amended to read as follows:
2	(B) Been classified as in <del>academic</del> <u>need of Level 5 —</u>
3	Intensive support or fiscal distress; and
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5	SECTION 59. Arkansas Code § 6-23-908(c)(3), concerning the Open-
6	Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Funding Aid Program, is amended
7	to read as follows:
8	(3) The open-enrollment public charter school is not:
9	(A) Classified as in academic distress under § 6-15-428
10	{repealed} need of Level 5 - Intensive support under § 6-15-2915 or in fiscal
11	distress under the Arkansas Fiscal Assessment and Accountability Program, §
12	6-20-1901 et seq., and the corresponding rules adopted by the State Board of
13	Education;
14	(B) Classified as a priority school under the Arkansas
15	Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program Act, § 6-15-401
16	et seq. [repealed], nor received <u>In receipt of</u> a rating of "F" under § 6-15-
17	2105; or
18	(C) Placed in probationary status by the state charter
19	school authorizer under § 6-23-105.
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21	SECTION 60. Arkansas Code $\S$ 6-41-210(a) and (b), concerning the
22	Special Education Section of the Arkansas Department of Education, are
23	amended to read as follows:
24	(a) There is established in the Department of Education a Special
25	Education Section Unit.
26	(b) The $\frac{\text{unit}}{\text{shall}}$ shall be headed by $\frac{\text{an associate}}{\text{associate}}$ $\frac{\text{a}}{\text{a}}$ director, who
27	shall be qualified by education, training, and experience to take
28	responsibility for, and give direction to, the programs of the department
29	relating to children with disabilities.
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31	SECTION 61. Arkansas Code § 6-41-211(a)(1), concerning the Special
32	Education Section's consultation with the Advisory Council for the Education
33	of Children with Disabilities, is amended to read as follows:
34	(a)(1) There shall be an Advisory Council for the Education of
35	Children with Disabilities, which shall advise and consult with the
36	Commissioner of Education and the Associate Director of the Special Education

1	Section Unit of the Department of Education and which shall engage in such
2	other activities as are set forth in this section.
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4	SECTION 62. Arkansas Code § 6-41-216(c)(3)(A), concerning the
5	establishment of standards for a change in the educational status of a child,
6	is amended to read as follows:
7	(3)(A) The Special Education Section Unit in the Department of
8	Education shall establish standards and qualifications for individuals to
9	serve as hearing officers.
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11	SECTION 63. Arkansas Code $\S$ 6-45-104(a)(2)(A)-(B), concerning the
12	Arkansas Better Chance Program, is amended to read as follows:
13	(2) A local school is required to work with the Department of
14	Education and its local community to establish, promote, and assist in the
15	development of a program under the Arkansas Better Chance for School Success
16	Program to serve all children in the school as provided in § 6-45-108, if:
17	(A) The school has had seventy-five percent (75%) or more
18	students scoring below proficiency on the primary benchmark exams or other
19	exams designated by the department in the preceding two (2) school years; or
20	(B) The the school has been designated by the department
21	as being in school improvement status under § 6-15-425 [repealed] or is
22	located in a school district in academic distress classified as in need of
23	<u>Level 5 - Intensive support</u> .
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25	SECTION 64. Arkansas Code § 6-45-106(a)(2)(A)(i), concerning the
26	Arkansas Better Chance Program and a school district that has been classified
27	as being in academic distress, is amended to read as follows:
28	(i) The school is in a district that has been
29	$\frac{designated}{designated}$ by the $\frac{designated}{designated}$ of Education as being in
30	academic distress need of Level 5 - Intensive support; and
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32	SECTION 65. Arkansas Code § 6-45-106(c)(1), concerning the Arkansas
33	Better Chance Program, is amended to read as follows:
34	(c)(1) In allocating funding for the Arkansas Better Chance for School
35	Success Program, priority consideration shall be given to+
36	(A) Schools that have seventy-five percent (75%) or more

1 students scoring below proficiency on the primary benchmark exams or other 2 exams designated by the Department of Education in the preceding two (2) 3 school years; and 4 (B) Schools that have been designated by the Department of 5 Education as being in school improvement status under § 6-15-425 [repealed] 6 or is a school located in a school district in academic distress that is 7 classified as in need of Level 5 - Intensive support. 8 9 SECTION 66. Arkansas Code § 9-28-113(c)(2), concerning information 10 sent to the Special Education Section regarding foster children, is amended 11 to read as follows: 12 (2) Each school district shall forward the name of each foster 13 care liaison and the contact information to the Special Education Section 14 <u>Unit</u> of the Department of Education at the beginning of each school year. 15 16 SECTION 67. Arkansas Code § 10-3-2102(f)(6), concerning duties of the 17 House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education under the 18 Continuing Adequacy Evaluation Act of 2004, is repealed. 19 (6) Reviewing the Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan 20 process; and 21 22 SECTION 68. Arkansas Code § 19-6-815 is amended to read as follows: 23 19-6-815. School-Age Children Eye and Vision Care Fund. 24 The Any funds remaining in the School-Age Children Eye and Vision Care 25 Fund shall consist of those special revenues as specified in § 19-6-301(242), 26 and any other revenues as may be authorized by law, there to be used by the 27 Arkansas Commission on Eye and Vision Care of School Age Children for the 28 purpose of carrying out its responsibilities as stated in uncodified Section 29 1 of Acts 2007, No. 138 shall be transferred to the Department of Education 30 Public School Fund Account to be used for school-based health centers. 31 32 SECTION 69. Arkansas Code § 20-47-508(e), concerning the service plans 33 for a child with emotional disturbance, is amended to read as follows: 34 (e) If after screening and assessment or collaborative evaluations it is determined that a child with emotional disturbance needs multiagency 35

services, then initial and subsequent individualized multiagency service

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1	plans for the child and the child's family shall be jointly developed by the
2	appropriate local or regional representatives of the community mental health
3	centers, of the Department of Human Services county office, of the Department
4	of Health, of the Special Education Section Unit of the Department of
5	Education, of the local school district, and of any other service provider
6	identified to meet the needs of the child and his or her family. The
7	individualized service plan shall reflect an integrated service delivery that
8	specifies services or programs with funding to be provided by each agency.
9	The service plan shall also designate responsibility for case management.
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11	SECTION 70. Arkansas Code § 26-52-317(a)(2)(A)(v), concerning food and
12	food ingredients with respect to the Department of Education, is repealed.
13	(v) Amounts disbursed or approved to be disbursed by
14	the Department of Education for desegregation expenses under any
15	desegregation settlement agreement, as certified by the Treasurer of State
16	and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State under § 6-20-212; and
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18	SECTION 71. Arkansas Code § 26-53-145(a)(2)(A)(v), concerning food and
19	food ingredients under the Arkansas Compensating Tax Act of 1949 with respect
20	to the Department of Education, is repealed.
21	(v) Amounts disbursed or approved to be disbursed by
22	the Department of Education for desegregation expenses under any
23	desegregation settlement agreement, as certified by the Treasurer of State
24	and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State under § 6-20-212; and
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