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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 668

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IS  
9 CLASSIFIED AS BEING IN NEED OF LEVEL 5 - INTENSIVE  
10 SUPPORT; TO ALLOW THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO  
11 GRANT EXTENSIONS OF ITS ASSUMPTION OF AUTHORITY IN  
12 CERTAIN SITUATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

16 CONCERNING A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT  
17 IS CLASSIFIED AS BEING IN NEED OF LEVEL 5  
18 - INTENSIVE SUPPORT; AND TO ALLOW THE  
19 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO GRANT  
20 EXTENSIONS OF ITS ASSUMPTION OF AUTHORITY  
21 IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS.

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

26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2917(c), concerning a public school  
27 district classified as being in need of Level 5 – Intensive support that does  
28 not meet the criteria to exit Level 5 – Intensive support, is amended to read  
29 as follows:

30 (c)(1)(A) ~~If the public school district has not demonstrated to the~~  
31 ~~state board and the Department of Education that the public school district~~  
32 ~~meets the criteria to exit Level 5 – Intensive support within five (5) years~~  
33 ~~of the assumption of authority, the~~ The state board shall annex, consolidate,  
34 or reconstitute ~~the~~ a public school district under § 6-13-1401 et seq. and  
35 this subchapter. if:

36 (i) The public school district has not demonstrated



1 to the state board and the Department of Education that the public school  
2 district meets the criteria to exit Level 5 – Intensive support within five  
3 (5) years of the assumption of authority by the state board;

4 (ii) The public school district has not demonstrated  
5 to the state board and the department that the public school district meets  
6 the criteria to exit Level 5 – Intensive support at the end of the first  
7 twenty-four-month extension under subdivision (c)(1)(B) of this section, and  
8 the state board does not grant a second twenty-four-month extension; or

9 (iii) One (1) or more extensions are granted under  
10 subdivision (c)(1)(B) of this section and the state board finds at any time  
11 during the extension that insufficient progress has been made for the public  
12 school district to exit Level 5 – Intensive support at the end of the  
13 extension.

14 (B) The state board may grant up to two (2) twenty-four-  
15 month extensions of assumption of authority by the state board for a public  
16 school district classified as in need of Level 5 – Intensive support to meet  
17 the criteria to exit Level 5 – Intensive support.

18 (2) The state board shall promulgate rules to establish the criteria  
19 by which a public school district may exit Level 5 – Intensive support.  
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