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SENATE BILL 370

5 By: Senators M. Johnson, Caldwell, A. Clark, Gilmore, Hill, M. McKee, J. Payton
6 By: Representatives Beck, Beaty Jr., Bentley, Long, Pilkington
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SCHOOLS OF LAW UNDER THE
9 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

11 CONCERNING THE SCHOOLS OF LAW UNDER THE
12 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS.
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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-64-602 is amended to read as follows:
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20 6-64-602. Establishment – Name – Operation.
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22 (a) There is established a full-time law school, to be operated in
23 Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, under the control and direction of the
24 University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to be known as the University of
25 Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law, and to offer classes
26 of legal instruction both in the daytime and in the evening.

27 (b) The Dean of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of
28 Law shall:

29 (1) Oversee the operation of the:

30 (A) University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law;

31 and

32 (B) University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen

33 School of Law;

34 (2) Report to the designated official within the University of
35 Arkansas at Fayetteville;

36 (3) Work to combine at least the following offices of both the



1 University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law and the University of
2 Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law:

- 3 (A) The Office of Admissions;
- 4 (B) The Office of Academic Affairs or its equivalent;
- 5 (C) The Office of Student Affairs or its equivalent;
- 6 (D) The Office of Administrative Services or its
7 equivalent;
- 8 (E) The Office of Career Services or its equivalent;
- 9 (F) The Office of Externship Programs or its equivalent;
- 10 (G) The Office of External Relations or its equivalent;

11 and

- 12 (H) The Office of Financial Aid or its equivalent; and

13 (4)(A) Work to ensure there is a minimum of a twenty-five
14 percent (25%) reduction in costs following the merger of the offices listed
15 under subdivision (b)(3) of this section between the University of Arkansas
16 at Fayetteville School of Law and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock
17 William H. Bowen School of Law.

18 (B) The Dean of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
19 School of Law and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen
20 School of Law shall annually report to the Legislative Council the
21 expenditures of all merged offices between the University of Arkansas at
22 Fayetteville School of Law and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock
23 William H. Bowen School of Law both before and after the merger established
24 by this section.

25 (c)(1) The merger of the offices required under subdivision (b)(3) of
26 this section shall not alter the status of a faculty member of the University
27 of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law or the University of Arkansas at
28 Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law, including:

- 29 (A) Remaining employed at his or her respective school;
- 30 (B) Retaining his or her tenure or tenure-track status;

31 and

32 (C) Continuing to be subject to his or her respective
33 campus's policies.

34 (2) However, a faculty member's faculty performance review, as
35 required by § 6-63-104, shall be conducted by the joint Dean of the
36 University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law and the University of

Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law in consultation with
the appropriate administrators at the school that employs the faculty member.

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