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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1966

By: Representative Barnett

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AN INCORPORATED TOWN OR A CITY OF THE SECOND CLASS TO PETITION THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOCAL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OR SATELLITE SCHOOL UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 13, Subchapter 14, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-13-1419. Establishment of public elementary school – Required following certain consolidations.

(a) An incorporated town or a city of the second class and the parents of, legal guardians of, and persons standing in loco parentis to students within an affected district may file a written appeal with a receiving district board of directors for the establishment of a local public elementary school or satellite school associated with an affected district's existing school campus, to be located within the boundaries of the incorporated town or city of the second class, if the:



(1) Affected district included a public school that was configured as an elementary school;

(2) Affected district is within the boundaries of the incorporated town or city of the second class;

(3) Affected district resulted in a consolidation within the last twenty (20) years from the effective date of this section; and

(3) Incorporated town or city of the second class has the means of providing adequate school facilities.

(b) If a receiving school district board of directors approves the written appeal of an incorporated town or a city of the second class under subsection (a) of this section, the receiving school district board of directors and the incorporated town or city of the second class shall jointly file an appeal with the State Board of Education for the establishment of a local public elementary school or satellite school associated with an affected district's existing school campus, to be located within the boundaries of the incorporated town or city of the second class.

(c)(1) A local public elementary school established in an affected district under subsection (b) of this section shall be part of the receiving district.

(2) The receiving district and the incorporated town or city of the second class may enter into a written agreement for the provision of in-kind contributions from the incorporated town or city of the second class to the receiving district for purposes of establishing and maintaining the local public elementary school or satellite school established in the affected district under this section.

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