

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1017

By: Representatives Cozart, Lowery

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TEACHER FAIR DISMISSAL ACT OF 1983 TO BE WAIVED IF A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IS UNDER STATE AUTHORITY AFTER BEING CLASSIFIED AS BEING IN DISTRESS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW THE TEACHER FAIR DISMISSAL ACT OF 1983 TO BE WAIVED IF A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IS UNDER STATE AUTHORITY AFTER BEING CLASSIFIED AS BEING IN DISTRESS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-430(a)(4), concerning actions the State Board of Education may take when a public school district is classified as being in academic distress, is amended to read as follows:

(4) Waive the application of Arkansas law, with the exception of ~~The Teacher Fair Dismissal Act of 1983, § 6-17-1501 et seq.,~~ and the Public School Employee Fair Hearing Act, § 6-17-1701 et seq., or the corresponding state board rules ~~and regulations;~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-430(b)(4) and (5), concerning actions the State Board of Education may take when a public school is classified as being in academic distress, are amended to read as follows:

(4) Waive the application of Arkansas law or the corresponding



state board rules, with the exception of+

~~(A) The Teacher Fair Dismissal Act of 1983, § 6-17-1501 et seq.; and~~

~~(B) The the Public School Employee Fair Hearing Act, § 6-17-1701 et seq.;~~

(5) ~~Under The Teacher Fair Dismissal Act of 1983, § 6-17-1501 et seq., reassign~~ Reassign or remove some or all of the licensed personnel of the public school and replace them with licensed personnel assigned or hired under the supervision of the commissioner;

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-20-1909(a)(4), concerning actions the Commissioner of Education may take when a public school district is in fiscal distress, is amended to read as follows:

(4) Waive the application of Arkansas law or the corresponding State Board of ~~Education~~ Education rules, with the exception of+

~~(A) The Teacher Fair Dismissal Act of 1983, § 6-17-1501 et seq.; and~~

~~(B) The the Public School Employee Fair Hearing Act, § 6-17-1701 et seq.;~~

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-21-811(g)(5), concerning actions the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation may take, with the approval of the Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation, when a public school district is classified as being in facilities distress, is amended to read as follows:

(5) Waive the application of Arkansas law or the corresponding State Board of Education rules and regulations, with the exception of+

~~(A) The Teacher Fair Dismissal Act of 1983, § 6-17-1501 et seq.; and~~

~~(B) The the Public School Employee Fair Hearing Act, § 6-17-1701 et seq.;~~