

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

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1820

By: Representative *C. Douglas*

By: Senator Hester

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT WAIVERS; TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO GRANT A SCHOOL DISTRICT WAIVER PETITION IF AN OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DRAWING STUDENTS FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS GRANTED A WAIVER; 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 § 6-15-103 is amended to read as follows:  
6-15-103. School district waivers.

(a) A school district may petition the State Board of Education for all or some of the waivers granted to an open-enrollment public charter school that draws students from the school district.

(b) The petition for all or some of the waivers granted to an open-enrollment public charter school that is submitted by a school district shall include:

(1) The name of the open-enrollment public charter school that



draws students from the school district;

(2) A copy of the waivers granted to the open-enrollment public charter school; ~~and~~

(3) A list of the waivers that the school district seeks to have granted; and

(4) A plan that includes without limitation the:

(A) Reasons why the school district needs the waivers;

(B) General scope of how the school district plans to use the waivers; and

(C) Expected benefits to the school district from the utilization of the waivers.

(c)(1) The state board shall grant, ~~in whole or in part, or deny, in whole or in part,~~ a petition for a waiver submitted by a school district within ~~ninety (90)~~ sixty (60) days of receiving ~~the~~ a petition that includes the information under subsection (b) of this section.

(2) The state board shall notify the superintendent of the school district in writing ~~of the decision of the state board~~ when the waiver is granted.

(3) A waiver that is granted, ~~in whole or in part,~~ shall be valid for the duration that the waivers are valid for the open-enrollment public charter school.

(d) If a school district receives a waiver under this section, the school district shall submit an annual report to the Department of Education that describes how each waiver has:

(1) Contributed positively to the educational outcomes of the students enrolled in the school district; and

(2) Achieved the goals the school district sought when petitioning for the waiver.

*/s/C.Douglas*