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A Bill

SENATE BILL 198

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THAT THE ARKANSAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BEING ALLOWED TO ESTABLISH ITS OWN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

REQUIRING THAT THE ARKANSAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BEING ALLOWED TO ESTABLISH ITS OWN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Temporary legislation.

(a) The Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training shall conduct a study on the feasibility of school districts being allowed to establish their own law enforcement agencies.

(b) The study under this act shall address the following subjects, as well as any ancillary topics that may arise during the course of the study:

(1) Potential positive and negative impacts;

(2) The legal and governmental mechanisms needed to establish a school district-based law enforcement agency;

(3) Potential legal issues and intersection with the Department of Education;

(4) An analysis of acts of school violence nationwide and the



effect having armed staff would have had on the outcome of those acts;

(5) A fiscal analysis of the potential costs;

(6) A study of the framework used in surrounding states such as Oklahoma, Texas, and Mississippi;

(7) Potential liability issues;

(8) An analysis of the type of training that would be required;

and

(9) An analysis of contract options with other school districts or law enforcement agencies to supply armed security.

(c) The study under this act shall be completed no later than July 1, 2020, and reported to the Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary and the Chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary.