

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

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1750

By: Representatives Womack, Vaught

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE VOLUNTARY CONSOLIDATION OF AN AFFECTED DISTRICT; TO ALLOW A CONTIGUOUS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CONSOLIDATE WITH AN AFFECTED DISTRICT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO ALLOW A CONTIGUOUS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CONSOLIDATE WITH AN AFFECTED DISTRICT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1416, concerning voluntary consolidations or annexations of public school districts, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(h)(1) A receiving district that received an affected district as a result of a voluntary administrative annexation under § 6-13-1601 et seq. shall notify all contiguous public school districts of its intent to close a public school campus that is part of an affected district a minimum of (1) year before the closure of the public school campus.

(2) An affected district under subdivision (h)(1) of this section shall have been the result of a voluntary administrative annexation under § 6-13-1601 et seq. that occurred no more than twenty (20) years ago.

(3) Upon receiving notice from the receiving district under subdivision (h)(1) of this section, a contiguous public school district may:

(A) Notify the receiving district of its interest in



accepting the affected district for purposes of keeping the public school campus open; and

(B)(i) Petition the state board to reverse the previous voluntary administrative annexation under § 6-13-1601 et seq. and consolidate the affected district into the contiguous public school district.

(ii) A petition under subdivision (h)(3)(B)(i) of this section shall include the following without limitation:

(a) How the contiguous public school district intends to serve the students of the affected district;

(b) Evidence that the consolidation will not cause fiscal hardship on the contiguous public school district; and

(c) Evidence that the consolidation will not cause fiscal hardship on the affected district.

*/s/Womack*