

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

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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 370

By: Senators M. Johnson, Caldwell, A. Clark, Gilmore, Hill, M. McKee, J. Payton  
By: Representatives Beck, Beaty Jr., Bentley, Long, Pilkington

### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SCHOOLS OF LAW UNDER THE  
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### **Subtitle**

CONCERNING THE SCHOOLS OF LAW UNDER THE  
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-64-602 is amended to read as follows:

6-64-602. Establishment – Name – Operation.

(a) There is established a full-time law school, to be operated in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, under the control and direction of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to be known as the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law, and to offer classes of legal instruction both in the daytime and in the evening.

(b) The Dean of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law and the Dean of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law shall:

(1) Work to combine at least the following offices of both the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law, while ensuring adequate and comparable services at each school:

(A) The administrative functions of the Office of Admissions;

(B) The Office of Academic Affairs or its equivalent;



- (C) The Office of Student Affairs or its equivalent;
- (D) The Office of Administrative Services or its equivalent;
- (E) The Office of Career Services or its equivalent;
- (F) The Office of Externship Programs or its equivalent;
- (G) The Office of External Relations or its equivalent; and
- (H) The Office of Financial Aid or its equivalent; and

(4)(A) Work to ensure there is a minimum of a twenty-five percent (25%) reduction in costs following the merger of the offices listed under subdivision (b)(3) of this section between the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law.

(B) The Dean of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law and the Dean of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law shall annually report to the Legislative Council:

(i) The expenditures of all merged offices between the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law both before and after the merger established by this section;

(ii) The titles, functions, and salaries for each employee of each law school, including detailed objective and comparable-worth justifications for each employee's total compensation; and

(iii) Detailed objective and comparable-worth justifications for the total compensation for the Dean of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law and the Dean of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law.

(c) The merger of the offices required under subdivision (b)(3) of this section shall not alter the status of a faculty member of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law or the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law, including:

- (1) Remaining employed at his or her respective school;
  - (2) Retaining his or her tenure or tenure-track status;
- and

(3) Continuing to be subject to his or her respective campus's policies.

*/s/M. Johnson*