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By: Representatives O. Miller, J. Miller, Willems, et al.

"AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 2 OF ACT 445 OF 1983 [ARK. STATS. 80-4602(a)] RELATING TO MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITING ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a) of Section 2 of Act 445 of 1983, the same being Arkansas Statutes 80-4602(a), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) All public elementary and secondary school that fail to meet minimum standards for accrediting Arkansas elementary and secondary public schools in this State, as promulgated by the State Board of Education under the provisions of this Act, shall be eliminated not later than June 1, 1987, and districts operating one or more of such schools shall be dissolved and annexed to another district or districts which operate all schools therein in compliance with such minimum standards for accrediting elementary and secondary public schools. The County Board of Education shall abolish said districts and shall annex the territory of such districts to the receiving district or districts in a geographically contiguous manner. The receiving district or districts shall be designated by the County Board of Education, and said receiving district or districts are hereby mandated to accept such district, or parts of districts. Provided that any school that has made a good faith local effort, but cannot meet the standards because of a shortfall in State funds shall not be eliminated by any provision of this Act. The State Board of Education shall order or by regulation authorize the State Department of Education to set up a procedure whereby schools violating any of the regulations or criteria shall be advised and/or warned, depending upon the seriousness of the violation. Frequent and persistent violations of accreditation standards shall result in the school's being demoted or removed from

the list of accredited schools."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

