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SENATE BILL 90

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5 By: Senator J. English

6 By: Representative Brooks

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING MEETING REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL
10 DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS; TO REQUIRE MEMBERS OF
11 THE PUBLIC TO BE AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT
12 PUBLIC COMMENT AT EACH MEETING OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT
13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

17 TO REQUIRE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE
18 AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT
19 PUBLIC COMMENT AT EACH MEETING OF A
20 SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-13-619, concerning meetings requirements
25 for school district boards of directors, is amended to add an additional
26 subsection to read as follows:

27 (f)(1)(A) Prior to the consideration of any business or an executive
28 session at a meeting of a board of directors, any member of the public shall
29 be afforded the opportunity to give public comment on any matter that is
30 within the powers and duties of the board of directors as provided under § 6-
31 13-620.

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33 (B) However, a member of the public shall not provide
34 public comment that prejudices the board of directors concerning a student or
35 personnel matter that is on the agenda for the board of director's
36 consideration of a disciplinary or employment action.

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(2)(A) A board of directors shall not require prior approval for



1 a member of the public to give public comment under subdivision (f)(1) of
2 this section.

3 (B) However, a board of directors may utilize a sign-up
4 sheet for members of the public providing public comment so long as the sign-
5 up sheet is accessible to the public until the start of the meeting of the
6 board of directors.

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/s/J. English

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