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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT ALLOWING A SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TO
9 INFORM A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER OF THE SUSPENSION OF
10 A TEACHER OR A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE TERMINATION OF
11 A TEACHER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 ALLOWING A SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
15 TO INFORM A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER OF
16 THE SUSPENSION OF A TEACHER OR A
17 RECOMMENDATION FOR THE TERMINATION OF A
18 TEACHER.
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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 § 6-17-1507(b), concerning notice by a school
25 district superintendent of the recommendation for termination of a teacher,
26 is amended to read as follows:

27 (b) The school district superintendent ~~shall~~:

28 (1) Shall notify the teacher of the termination recommendation;
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and

30 (2)(A) May notify a school resource officer assigned to the
31 school campus on which the teacher is employed of the termination
32 recommendation.

33 (B)(i) A school district superintendent shall not disclose
34 any additional details regarding a recommendation for the termination of a
35 teacher to a school resource officer assigned to the school campus on which
36 the teacher is employed unless the school district superintendent, in his or



1 her discretion and based on relevant information, believes there are risks
 2 to:

3 (a) Campus security; and

4 (b) Student safety.

5 (ii) Additional details regarding a recommendation
 6 for the termination of the teacher include without limitation:

7 (a) The underlying reasons for a
 8 recommendation for the termination of the teacher;

9 (b) The identity of other individuals involved
 10 in a recommendation for the termination of the teacher, including without
 11 limitation other teachers, students, administrators employed at or attending
 12 the school campus where the teacher is employed, and the parents or legal
 13 guardians of students attending the school campus where the teacher is
 14 employed; and

15 (c) Further disciplinary actions taken against
 16 a teacher in addition to the termination recommendation.

17 (C) If a school district superintendent determines that
 18 disclosure of additional details regarding a recommendation for the
 19 termination of the teacher is necessary under subdivision (b)(2)(B) of this
 20 section, the school district superintendent shall limit the disclosure of the
 21 additional details to the minimum amount of information that he or she
 22 believes is necessary for the school resource officer assigned to the school
 23 campus on which the teacher is employed to ensure campus security and student
 24 safety.

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 26 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-1508(b), concerning notification by a
 27 school district superintendent of a teacher's suspension, is amended to read
 28 as follows:

29 (b) The school district superintendent ~~shall~~:

30 (1) Shall notify the teacher of the suspension in writing within
 31 two (2) school days of the suspension; and

32 (2)(A) May notify a school resource officer assigned to the
 33 school campus on which the teacher is employed of the teacher's suspension.

34 (B)(i) A school district superintendent shall not disclose
 35 any additional details regarding a suspension of the teacher to a school
 36 resource officer assigned to the school campus on which the teacher is

1 employed unless the school district superintendent, in his or her discretion
2 and based on relevant information, believes there are risks to:

3 (a) Campus security; and

4 (b) Student safety.

5 (ii) Additional details regarding the suspension of
6 the teacher include without limitation:

7 (a) The underlying reasons for the suspension
8 of the teacher;

9 (b) The identity of other individuals involved
10 in the suspension of the teacher, including without limitation other
11 teachers, students, administrators employed at or attending the school campus
12 where the teacher is employed, and the parents or legal guardians of students
13 attending the school campus where the teacher is employed; and

14 (c) Further disciplinary actions taken against
15 a teacher in addition to the suspension, unless the further disciplinary
16 actions include a recommendation for the termination of the teacher.

17 (C) If a school district superintendent determines that
18 disclosure of additional details regarding the suspension of a teacher is
19 necessary under subdivision (b)(2)(B) of this section, the school district
20 superintendent shall limit the disclosure of the additional details to the
21 minimum amount of information that he or she believes is necessary for the
22 school resource officer assigned to the school campus on which the teacher is
23 employed to ensure campus security and student safety.

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