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SENATE BILL 370

5 By: Senators M. Johnson, Caldwell, A. Clark, Gilmore, Hill, M. McKee, J. Payton
6 By: Representatives Beck, Beaty Jr., Bentley, Long, Pilkington
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

11 CONCERNING THE SCHOOLS OF LAW UNDER THE
12 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS.
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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-64-602 is amended to read as follows:
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20 6-64-602. Establishment – Name – Operation.
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22 (a) There is established a full-time law school, to be operated in
23 Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, under the control and direction of the
24 University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to be known as the University of
25 Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law, and to offer classes
26 of legal instruction both in the daytime and in the evening.

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

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

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

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



1 (C) The Office of Student Affairs or its equivalent;

2 (D) The Office of Administrative Services or its

3 equivalent;

4 (E) The Office of Career Services or its equivalent;

5 (F) The Office of Externship Programs or its equivalent;

6 (G) The Office of External Relations or its equivalent; and

7 (H) The Office of Financial Aid or its equivalent; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 (1) Remaining employed at his or her respective school;

33 (2) Retaining his or her tenure or tenure-track status;

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

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