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A Bill

SENATE BILL 615

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THAT THE *EMERGENCY OR SECURITY*
9 *PLAN FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION*
10 *IS EXEMPT FROM THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF*
11 *1967; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER*
12 *PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

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16 *TO ESTABLISH THAT THE EMERGENCY OR*
17 *SECURITY PLAN FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR*
18 *POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION IS EXEMPT FROM*
19 *THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967;*
20 *AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.*

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

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 13, is
26 amended to add a new section to read as follows:

27 6-15-1304. *Emergency and security plans – Disclosure exempted.*
28 *The following information is confidential and not subject to the*
29 *Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.:*

30 *(1) An emergency or security plan required by this subchapter or*
31 *otherwise implemented by a public school that operates a prekindergarten*
32 *program or by a kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) public school or*
33 *public charter school;*

34 *(2) The number of licensed school security guards, school*
35 *resource officers, or other security personnel at the school;*

36 *(3) The personal information of any licensed school security*



1 guards, school resource officers, or other security personnel at the school;
2 and

3 (4) Any information compiled and retained by the Department of
4 Arkansas State Police regarding licensed school security guards, school
5 resource officers, or other security personnel at the school.

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7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Subchapter 61, Chapter 1, is amended
8 to add an additional section to read as follows:

9 6-61-139. Emergency and security plans - Disclosure exempted.

10 An emergency or security plan required by law or otherwise implemented
11 by a postsecondary institution is confidential and is not subject to the
12 Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.

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14 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
15 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the safety of public school
16 and postsecondary institution students is of critical importance; that the
17 disclosure of emergency and security plans by public schools and
18 postsecondary institutions threatens student safety and inhibits the school's
19 or institution's ability to plan for crisis situations; and that this act
20 should become effective at the earliest opportunity to prevent such
21 disclosures and promote the safety of students. Therefore, an emergency is
22 declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the
23 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
24 on:

25 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

26 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
27 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
28 bill; or

29 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
30 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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32 /s/G. Stubblefield