

Consideration of School District Fiscal Distress Status

Arkansas Fiscal Assessment and Accountability Program

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-1901 *et seq.*

Under the Arkansas Fiscal Assessment and Accountability Program, the ADE may “identify” a school district meeting certain criteria¹ as being in fiscal distress. A school district identified as being in fiscal distress may appeal this designation to the State Board of Education. Following any appeal, the State Board determines whether to “classify” the school district in fiscal distress.

Following any classification of fiscal distress, the State Board or Commissioner of Education may take one or more of the action set forth in the Act *et seq.* (*see e.g.*, §§ 6-20-1909 and 6-20-1910) to address the District’s fiscal distress.

¹ The indicators of fiscal distress are set forth in Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-1904(a).