

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 3 OF ACT 40 OF THE FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF 1985 [ARK. STAT. 80-1503.6] TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL TIME FOR ENROLLMENT IN HOME SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Act 40 of the First Extraordinary Session of 1985, the same being Arkansas Statute 80-1503.6, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. Parents or guardians desiring to provide a home school for their children must comply with the following requirements:

(1) Give written notice to the superintendent of their local school district by August 15 or by December 15 for the spring semester of each school year of their intent to provide a home school for their child(ren). Such notice must include the name, date of birth, grade level and the name and address of the school last attended, if any, of each student involved; the location of the home school; the basic core curriculum to be offered; the proposed schedule of instruction; and, the qualifications of the parent/teacher(s). This information may be used only for statistical purposes.

(2) Agree for students enrolled in the home school who are seven (7) years old or older on the date of the test to be tested annually by May 1 using a nationally recognized standardized achievement test chosen by the parent(s) from a list of such tests provided by the State Board of Education. In addition, each home school student who is fourteen (14) years old on the date of the test must take the Minimum Performance Test required of all eighth grade public school students.

(3) Provide information about any student to be enrolled in the home school which might indicate the need for special education services."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

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