

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1993**  
4 **By: Senator Chaffin**

# **A Bill**

**ACT 874 OF 1993**  
**SENATE BILL 376**

## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TESTING TO  
9 EVALUATE STUDENT LEARNING IN THE GENERAL EDUCATION  
10 CURRICULUM ESTABLISHED UNDER §6-61-218 AT ARKANSAS PUBLIC  
11 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

### **Subtitle**

14 "TO ESTABLISH A RISING JUNIOR TEST AT PUBLIC COLLEGES AND  
15 UNIVERSITIES."

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

19 SECTION 1. (a) The State Board of Higher Education is hereby directed  
20 to work with the public colleges and universities to develop or adopt a single  
21 standardized test to be taken by all Arkansas public college and university  
22 students at the end of the sophomore year to evaluate student learning in the  
23 general education curriculum established under § 6-61-218, the results of  
24 which shall be evaluated in light of the institutions's mission and goals.

25 (b) This "rising junior test" shall be given annually by all public  
26 colleges and universities in Arkansas, with the first statewide administration  
27 to take place by the end of the 1994-95 academic year.

28 (c) The State Board of Higher Education, after consultation with the  
29 public colleges and universities, is hereby authorized to adopt policies and  
30 procedures to implement this section.

32 SECTION 2. (a) The State Board of Higher Education shall report on an  
33 annual basis to the Joint Interim Committee on Higher Education Reform and the  
34 Joint Interim Oversight Subcommittee on Education Reform the progress being  
35 made toward meeting the provisions of this Act.

36 (b) The State Board of Higher Education is hereby authorized to adopt

1 *policies and procedures for the implementation of this Act. These policies*  
2 *and procedures shall be implemented by the public colleges and universities as*  
3 *a condition for receiving state funds.*

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5 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
6 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
7 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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9 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
10 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
11 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
12 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
13 act are declared to be severable.

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15 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
16 hereby repealed.

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*/s/ Senator Chaffin*

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