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Call Item 4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1153

5 By: Representative Cleveland
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO DETERMINE STUDENT DROP-OUT RATES; AND
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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18 SECTION 1. School enrollment census -- Determining student drop-out
19 rates.

20 (a)(1)(A) On or before October 1 of each school year, a public school
21 shall conduct a census of all students enrolled at the school to arrive at a
22 school enrollment census total for each grade.

23 (B) The number of students transferring into the school
24 after October 1 but before the end of the school year shall be added to the
25 October 1 school enrollment census total for each grade.

26 (C) The number of students transferring out of the school
27 after October 1 but before the end of the school year shall be subtracted
28 from the October 1 school enrollment census total for each grade.

29 (2) The number of students transferring into or out of a school
30 shall be based on the number of official transcripts received from other
31 schools and the number of transcripts requested by other schools.

32 (3) Each school shall maintain separate records regarding
33 students who, after October 1 of each school year, leave the public school
34 system to be home-schooled under Arkansas Code § 6-15-503.

35 (b) The school enrollment census total as calculated and adjusted
36 under subsection (a) of this section shall be used to determine the drop-out



1 rate for each school as follows:

2 (1) For grades kindergarten through eleven (K-11), the school
3 enrollment census total for the current school year is compared to the school
4 enrollment census total for each of the previous grades of the previous
5 school year; and

6 (2) For grade twelve (12), the current school year school
7 enrollment census total for grade twelve (12) is compared to the school
8 enrollment census total for grade eleven (11) of the previous year.

9 (c) The graduation rates, as defined by the Department of Education,
10 shall be tracked for students in grades nine through twelve (9-12).

11 (d) The Department of Education shall use this section for in-state
12 reporting purposes related to school drop-out rates.

13 (e) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to require
14 school districts to report graduation and drop-out rates each year in
15 accordance with this section.

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