1	State of Arkansas	*As Engrossed: H1/22/04*	Call Item 4
2	84th General Assembly	**A Bill**	
3	Second Extraordinary Session, 2003		HOUSE BILL 1132

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5   By: Representative Mahony

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8   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9   AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 35 OF THE SECOND

10   EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF 2003 TO ALLOW THE

11   DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE

12   FOR TEST RESULTS IF THE DEADLINE SUBSTANTIALLY

13   INCREASES THE COST OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE TESTS

14   OR COMPROMISES THE VALIDITY OF THE TEST RESULTS;

15   AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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17   **Subtitle**

18   AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 35 OF THE SECOND

19   EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF 2003.

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

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24   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-433(c)(3) as added by Act 35 of the

25   Second Extraordinary Session of 2003 concerning the deadline for test

26   results, is amended to read as follows:

27   (3)_(A)_ Each testing program, whether at the elementary beginning

28   at grade three (3), middle school, or high school level, shall include to the

29   fullest extent possible, a test of writing in which students are required to

30   produce writings that are then scored by appropriate analytic methods that

31   ensure overall test validity and reliability, including inter-rater

32   reliability. Writing test results shall be scored and returned for district

33   and school use no later than July 1 of each year beginning in 2005-2006 and

34   each year thereafter;

35   (B) _For end-of-course exams, the Department_ of Education

36   _may extend the July 1 deadline under subdivision (c)(3)(A) of this section to_

1   August 1, if the department finds, based on the request for proposals, that:

2   (i)   The cost of administration of the *end-of-course*

3   *exam* will be substantially more because of the earlier deadline; or

4   (ii)   The validity of the *end-of-course exam* results

5   will be compromised because of the earlier deadline.

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7   SECTION 2.   Arkansas Code § 6-15-435(3)(C) as added by Act 35 of the

8   Second Extraordinary Session of 2003 concerning the deadline for test

9   results, is amended to read as follows:

10   (C)(i)   Beginning in the 2005-2006 school year and each

11   subsequent year thereafter, in establishing such schedule, the department is

12   charged with the duty to accomplish the latest possible administration of the

13   statewide assessments and the earliest possible provision, but no later than

14   July 1, of the results to the school districts.

15   (ii)   *For end-of-course exams, the Department of*

16   *Education* may extend the July 1 deadline under subdivision (3)(C)(i) of this

17   section to August 1, if the department finds, based on the request for

18   proposals, that:

19   (a)   The cost of administration of the *end-of-*

20   *course exam* will be substantially more because of the earlier deadline; or

21   (b)   The validity of the *end-of-course exam*

22   results will be compromised because of the earlier deadline.

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24   */s/ Mahony*

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27   *APPROVED: 2/4/2004*

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