

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2757

5 *By: Representative Cook*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN ON-CAMPUS STANDARDS FOR
10 ACCREDITATION OF ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS REVIEW
11 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ONE (1) TIME EVERY
12 FOUR (4) YEARS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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19 YEARS.
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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 § 6-15-202 is amended to read as follows:
25 6-15-202. Accreditation - Development of regulations and standards.

26 (a) The State Board of Education is authorized and directed to develop
27 comprehensive regulations, criteria, and standards to be used by the board
28 and the Department of Education in the accreditation of school programs in
29 elementary and secondary public schools in this state.

30 (b)(1) All public schools and school districts shall meet the
31 Standards of Accreditation for Arkansas Public Schools which shall be adopted
32 by the state board.

33 (2) The state board, upon showing of just cause, may grant a
34 waiver of any standard of accreditation for a time period of no longer than
35 one (1) school year, except that no curriculum, student performance, school



1 performance or any standard required by law may be waived for any time
2 period.

3 (3) A school district is deemed to have failed to meet the
4 standards if on any standard applicable to the general operation of a school
5 district as defined by the state board the district receives a probationary
6 status.

7 (4) A school is deemed to have failed to meet the standards if
8 on any standard applicable to the specific operation of that school as
9 defined by the state board the school receives a probationary status.

10 (c) The state board shall promulgate rules and regulations setting
11 forth:

12 (1) The process for identifying schools and school districts
13 that fail to meet the standards;

14 (2) Enforcement measures the state board may apply to bring a
15 school or school district into compliance with the standards, including, but
16 not limited to, annexation, consolidation, or reconstitution of the school
17 district in accordance with § 6-13-1401 and this subchapter; and

18 (3) The appeal process available to a school district under this
19 subchapter.

20 (d) After the regulations are adopted and implemented by the state
21 board, standards and procedures shall regularly be reviewed by the House
22 Interim Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on Education
23 at least once every two (2) years, and recommendations and advice in regard
24 thereto may be filed by the committees with the state board for its
25 consideration.

26 (e)(1) The Department of Education shall conduct an on-campus
27 Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools review for each school
28 district in the state no less than one (1) time every four (4) years.

29 (2) The Department of Education may visit any school campus for
30 an on-campus Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools review at
31 other additional times as determined necessary by the Director of the
32 Department of Education or the State Board of Education.

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/s/ Cook

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