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A Bill

SENATE BILL 1043

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
9 STUDY THE EDUCATION AND ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO
10 CHILDREN WHO ARE UNABLE TO PHYSICALLY ATTEND SCHOOL
11 ON A REGULAR BASIS DUE TO A MEDICAL CONDITION; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY.

26 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

27 (1) Many children who are medically fragile are unable to
28 physically attend school on a regular basis;

29 (2) Children with permanent or temporary medical conditions are
30 entitled to the same educational opportunities as children without medical
31 conditions; and

32 (3) Technological advances and other programs may help ensure
33 that the educational needs of children who are medically fragile are met when
34 the children are unable to physically attend school.

35 (b)(1) The Department of Education shall conduct a study to determine
36 the best options for providing education to medically fragile children.



1 (2) The study shall include without limitation:

2 (A) The number children enrolled in public school that are
3 unable to attend school on a regular basis due to a permanent or temporary
4 medical condition;

5 (B) The current programs or assistance provided by the
6 department or a school district to children who are medically fragile to
7 ensure the educational needs of children who are medically fragile are being
8 met;

9 (C) Possible changes to programs or assistance provided by
10 the department or a school district to medically fragile children to improve
11 the educational opportunities that children who are medically fragile
12 receive;

13 (D) A review of the practices, policies, and trends
14 regarding education for children who are medically fragile in other states,
15 including how the practices, policies, and trends could be applied in
16 Arkansas; and

17 (E) An analysis of how technological advances can assist
18 schools in meeting the educational needs of children who are medically
19 fragile.

20 (3) The department shall submit a report to the Senate Committee
21 on Education and the House Committee on Education no later than December 1,
22 2013, that contains information learned from the study and findings and
23 recommendations of the department as a result of the study.

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