Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 869 of the Regular Session

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H3/8/17	
2	91st General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2017		HOUSE BILL 1648
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5	By: Representative C. Douglas		
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7	For An Act To Be Entitled		
8	AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE		
9	CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY; AND FOR		
10	OTHER PURPOSES.		
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13	Subtitle		
14	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE		
15	CONCE	RNING PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTAE	BILITY.
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18	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:		
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20	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-202(e), concerning on-site standards		
21	for accreditation reviews, is amended to read as follows:		
22	(e)(1) The department shall conduct an on-campus a Standards for		
23	Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts review for each		
24	public school or public school district in the state no less than one (1)		
25	time every four (4) yes	175 :	
26	<u>(A)</u>	Identified as being at a hig	h risk of failing to meet
27	the standards; or		
28	<u>(B)</u>	Whenever the department or s	tate board deems
29	necessary.		
30	(2) The department may visit any school campus for an on-campus		
31	Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts		
32	review at other additional times as determined necessary by the Commissioner		
33	of Education or the state board The review under subdivision (e)(1) of this		
34	section may be conducted onsite at the public school or public school		
35	district.		
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- SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-206(d), concerning onsite standards for accreditation reviews, is amended to read as follows:

 (d)(1) An onsite The department shall conduct a review of each
 - school's compliance shall be made at least every two (2) years or more frequently if the department has reason to believe that the school district or any school therein within the public school district has fallen below standards for accreditation.
 - (2) The review under subdivision (d)(1) of this section may be conducted onsite at the public school or public school district.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2006(b) and (c), concerning
publication of annual school district progress reports, is amended to read as
follows:

- (b)(1) A school district board of directors shall publish annually in the local newspaper on its website the school performance report required by § 6-15-1402 and report in writing to the State Board of Education by October 15 of each year the following information on the prior school year or the latest information available:
- (1)(A) By grade level, economic status, and ethnicity, the number and percentage of all students in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) performing at each category level on the state-mandated examinations, the percentile rankings by school and grade level on any other assessments as
- 23 required by the state board, the number of students taking advanced placement
- 24 courses or courses offered under the International Baccalaureate Diploma
- Programme, the number taking the advanced placement exams, and the percent of students making a 3, 4, or 5 on advanced placement exams;
- 27 $\frac{(2)(B)}{(B)}$ By grade level, the number and percentage of all students retained in grades one through eight (1-8);
- 29 (3)(C) The graduation rate, grade inflation rate, drop-out rate for grades nine through twelve (9-12), and college remediation rate;
- 31 $\frac{(4)(D)}{(D)}$ The number of students transferring pursuant to the 32 unsafe school provision of § 6-15-432; and
- 33 $\frac{(5)(E)}{(E)}$ The number of students transferring pursuant to the 34 Arkansas Opportunity Public School Choice Act of 2004, § 6-18-227.
- 35 (2) The school performance report shall be easily identifiable 36 on the website.

1	(3) The <i>public school district</i> may also publish the school		
2	performance report in the local newspaper.		
3	(c) A printed copy of the school performance report required by \S 6-		
4	15-1402 shall be made available upon request.		
5	$\underline{\text{(d)}}$ This section shall apply to the extent that it is not in violation		
6	of applicable state or federal law.		
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8	SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2107(c)(1)(C), concerning performance-		
9	based funding, is repealed.		
10	(C) Needs improvement-focus schools and needs improvement-		
11	priority schools as defined in rules of the state board are ineligible to		
12	receive rewards under this section.		
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14	SECTION 5. Arkansas Code \S 6-15-2107(c)(3) and (4), concerning the		
15	Arkansas School Recognition Program, are repealed.		
16	(3) Each school that receives performance-based funding shall		
17	submit to the department a proposal for its spending of the performance-based		
18	funding.		
19	(4) The department shall:		
20	(A) Review each proposal received under this section; and		
21	(B) Approve spending of performance-based funding for		
22	academic expenses only as provided under subsection (e) of this section.		
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24	SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2107(f), concerning the Arkansas		
25	School Recognition Program, is amended to read as follows:		
26	(f) School recognition awards are exempt from §§ 6-17-119 and 6-20-		
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28	(g) The General Assembly shall appropriate and fund sufficient funds		
29	to implement this section.		
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31	/s/C. Douglas		
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34	APPROVED: 04/04/2017		
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