

ARKANSAS SENATE
84th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2003
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 707

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL BE IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH
THE STANDARDS OF ACCREDITATION OF ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR
PARTICIPATION IN POST SEASON INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 707.

Amend Senate Bill No. 707 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 9 through 13, and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT HAS COMMITTED REPORTING FRAUD IN THE ACCREDITATION OR ACCOUNTABILITY PROCESS SHALL NOT BE ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES ADMINISTERED BY THE ARKANSAS ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 16 through 20, and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT HAS COMMITTED REPORTING FRAUD IN THE ACCREDITATION OR ACCOUNTABILITY PROCESS SHALL NOT BE ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES ADMINISTERED BY THE ARKANSAS ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete everything following the enacting clause and substitute the following:

SECTION 1. (a)(1) The Department of Education shall report to the Arkansas Activities Association any school district that the department determines has committed fraud with respect to any information required for accreditation or any accountability measures, and that school district shall not be eligible to participate in any statewide activities regulated by the Arkansas Activities Association.

(2) No school district may be a member of the Arkansas Activities Association unless the school district is accredited by the Department of Education.

(b)(1) Any individual making a charge of fraud relating to accreditation or accountability shall do so by providing the Department of Education with a signed, written statement setting forth the allegation.

(2) Any allegation reported by the Department of Education shall



be filed by the unit supervisor of Standards Assurance who shall do so by a signed, written statement setting forth the allegation.

(c)(1) Any allegation received by the Department of Education in accordance with subsection (b), shall be reviewed by the Director of the Department of Education or his designee.

(2)(A) If the director or designee determines the charges to be sufficient, Department of Education staff shall be appointed to conduct an investigation.

(B) The investigation shall be conducted pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education.

(C) The staff investigating the allegation shall provide a written copy of the results of the investigation to the Director of the Department of Education.

(D) Upon the director's review and approval, the findings will be forwarded to the executive director of the Arkansas Activities Association.

(d) The Arkansas Activities Association may take action based on the investigative reports.

(e) The Department of Education shall develop rules and regulations as necessary to promulgate this act.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that school districts must comply with the standards of accreditation; that school districts making fraudulent reports should have be reprimanded in some manner and that a procedure needs to be in place prior to the beginning of the next school year; and that this act is immediately necessary because rules and regulations must be implemented prior to the beginning of the 2003-2004 school year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2004."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

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