

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Senator Chaffin**

A Bill

SENATE BILL 376

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TESTING TO
9 EVALUATE STUDENT LEARNING IN THE GENERAL EDUCATION
10 CURRICULUM ESTABLISHED UNDER §6-61-218 AT ARKANSAS PUBLIC
11 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO ESTABLISH A RISING JUNIOR TEST AT PUBLIC COLLEGES AND
15 UNIVERSITIES."

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

19 SECTION 1. (a) The State Board of Higher Education is hereby directed
20 to work with the public colleges and universities to develop or adopt a single
21 standardized test to be taken by all Arkansas public college and university
22 students at the end of the sophomore year to evaluate student learning in the
23 general education curriculum established under § 6-61-218, the results of
24 which shall be evaluated in light of the institutions's mission and goals.

25 (b) This "rising junior test" shall be given annually by all public
26 colleges and universities in Arkansas, with the first statewide administration
27 to take place by the end of the 1994-95 academic year.

28 (c) The State Board of Higher Education, after consultation with the
29 public colleges and universities, is hereby authorized to adopt policies and
30 procedures to implement this section.

32 SECTION 2. (a) The State Board of Higher Education shall report on an
33 annual basis to the Joint Interim Committee on Higher Education Reform and the
34 Joint Interim Oversight Subcommittee on Education Reform the progress being
35 made toward meeting the provisions of this Act.

1 (b) *The State Board of Higher Education is hereby authorized to adopt*
2 *policies and procedures for the implementation of this Act. These policies*
3 *and procedures shall be implemented by the public colleges and universities as*
4 *a condition for receiving state funds.*

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6 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
7 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
8 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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10 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
11 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
12 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
13 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
14 act are declared to be severable.

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16 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
17 hereby repealed.

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/s/ Senator Chaffin

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