

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 2649

5 By: Representative Pace
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PAY
10 FOR THE COST OF COLLEGE REMEDIAL COURSES THE
11 DISTRICT'S GRADUATES ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-423 is amended to read as follows:
24 6-15-423. Comparing grade point averages with national test scores.

25 (a) The Department of Education shall develop specific criteria, based
26 on generally accepted statistical procedures, for evaluating the association
27 of high school grade point averages and standardized test scores for all
28 students participating in the American College Test and the Arkansas
29 Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program's end-of-course
30 algebra, geometry, and literacy exams.

31 (b) Any school identified by the department as having statistically
32 significant variance between grade point average and students' performance on
33 the aforementioned exams shall be notified in writing no later than thirty
34 (30) calendar days after the determination.

35 (c)(1) The report shall be reviewed as a regular agenda item by the
36 local school district board of directors no later than the second regularly



1 scheduled meeting following receipt of the report by the school.

2 (2)(A) The superintendent of the school district shall file with
3 the local school board a written explanation with proposed actions to remedy
4 the situation.

5 (B) Copies of the superintendent’s written explanation
6 shall also be filed with the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education
7 and the department.

8 (3) The department shall, to the extent practicable, send a
9 representative to appear in person at the board meeting to explain the
10 report.

11 (d) A copy of all reports sent to a school shall be filed with the
12 committees no later than ninety (90) calendar days after the school has been
13 notified.

14 (e) The Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education
15 shall jointly develop a plan to require the local school district to pay for
16 the cost of remediation for students graduating from the district, if:

17 (1) The student received credit for taking a high school course
18 in the subject in which the student needs remediation upon enrollment at a
19 post-secondary institution in the state;

20 (2) The student achieve a grade of "B" or better in the high
21 school course; and

22 (3) The student enrolls in a post-secondary institution in the
23 state within two (2) years of graduation from high school.

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