

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2661

5 By: Representative Mahony
6 By: Senator Bisbee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT PERTAINING TO GRADE INFLATION; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 AN ACT PERTAINING TO GRADE INFLATION.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-423 is amended to read as follows:
20 6-15-423. Comparing grade point averages with national test scores.

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

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

31 (c)(1) The report shall be reviewed as a regular agenda item by the
32 local school district board of directors no later than the second regularly
33 scheduled meeting following receipt of the report by the school.

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



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

4 (3) The department shall, to the extent practicable, send a
5 representative to appear in person at the board meeting to explain the
6 report.

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

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

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

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

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

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