

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 2768

5 By: Representative Lamoureux
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE BOARD
10 OF EDUCATION TO REQUIRE STATEWIDE BENCHMARK
11 EXAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE AUTHORITY OF THE
15 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REQUIRE
16 STATEWIDE BENCHMARK EXAMS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-403 is repealed.

22 ~~6-15-403. Authority of State Board of Education.~~

23 ~~The State Board of Education through the Department of Education is~~
24 ~~hereby authorized to:~~

25 ~~(1) Develop a comprehensive testing, assessment, and~~
26 ~~accountability program which utilizes the most current and effective testing,~~
27 ~~evaluation, and assessment research information designed to achieve the~~
28 ~~following purposes set forth in this subchapter:~~

29 ~~(A) Set clear academic standards;~~

30 ~~(B) Establish professional development;~~

31 ~~(C) Establish expected achievement levels;~~

32 ~~(D) Report on student achievement;~~

33 ~~(E) Provide evaluation data;~~

34 ~~(F) Recognize excellence; and~~

35 ~~(G) Apply sanctions;~~

36 ~~(2) Promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to~~



1 ~~develop and implement the comprehensive testing, assessment and~~
2 ~~accountability program; and~~

3 ~~(3) Employ staff and enter into contracts as may be necessary to~~
4 ~~carry out the provisions of this subchapter.~~

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6 SECTION 2. (a) The purpose of this act is to abolish Arkansas
7 benchmark exams require by the State Board of Education.

8 (b) The State Board of Education and the Department of Education shall
9 not require students or school districts to participate in benchmark
10 examinations or assessments.

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