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# A Bill

Call Item 4

HOUSE BILL 1110

5 By: Representative White  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND  
10 ASSESSMENTS SYSTEM TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
11 THE AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 PLANNING AND ASSESSMENTS SYSTEM TO BE  
17 USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AMERICAN  
18 COLLEGE TEST.  
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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 Title 6, Chapter 18, is amended to add an  
24 additional subchapter to read as follows:

25 6-18-1301. Definitions.

26 As used in this subchapter:

27 (1) "American College Test assessment" means a test of student  
28 educational development that measures student readiness for future learning  
29 produced by ACT, Incorporated, that may be used by an institution of higher  
30 education as a part of its admissions process;

31 (2) "Educational Planning and Assessments System" means a  
32 curriculum-based, achievement testing system produced by ACT, Incorporated  
33 made up of the Explore assessment, the Plan assessment and the American  
34 College Test assessment;

35 (3) "Explore assessment" means a test administered as part of  
36 the Educational Planning and Assessments Systems designed to be administered



1 in grade eight (8) to provide students with an early indication of their  
 2 educational progress in the context of post high school educational and  
 3 career options they are considering; and

4 (4) "Plan" means an assessment administered as part of the  
 5 Educational Planning and Assessments Systems designed to be administered in  
 6 grade ten (10) to provide a mid-point review of the students' progress toward  
 7 their education and career goals while there is still time to make necessary  
 8 interventions.

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 10 6-18-1302. Creation - Fees - Rules.

11 (a) The Arkansas Educational Planning and Assessments System is  
 12 established and shall be administered by the Department of Education.

13 (b) The Arkansas Educational Planning and Assessments System  
 14 shall consist of three (3) assessments as follows:

15 (1) The Explore assessment which shall be administered in grade  
 16 eight (8) to provide students with an early indication of their educational  
 17 progress in the context of post high school educational and career options  
 18 they are considering; and

19 (2) The Plan assessment which shall be administered in grade ten  
 20 (10) to provide a mid-point review of students' progress toward their  
 21 education and career goals while there is still time to make necessary  
 22 interventions; and

23 (3) The American College Test assessment which shall be  
 24 administered prior to the completion of the spring semester of the student's  
 25 junior year, and is often used by an institution of higher education as a  
 26 part of its admissions process;

27 (c) Contingent upon legislative appropriations, the state shall pay  
 28 for assessments administered under the Educational Planning and Assessments  
 29 System.

30 (d) The state board and the department shall develop a system to  
 31 ensure the orderly implementation of the Educational Planning and Assessments  
 32 System in all public school districts and shall promulgate rules by April 1,  
 33 2004 as necessary to implement the requirements of this subchapter.

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 35 6-18-1303. Participation.

36 (a) By the 2004-2005 school year, every public school student shall

1 participate in the Educational Planning and Assessments System by taking the  
2 Explore assessment in grade eight (8), the Plan assessment in grade ten (10),  
3 and the American College Test assessment prior to the completion of the  
4 spring semester of his or her junior year.

5 (b) By the 2004-2005 school year and each school year thereafter, all  
6 school districts in the state shall participate in the Educational Planning  
7 and Assessments System.

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9 6-18-1304.

10 (a) Educational Planning and Assessments System shall be used to:

11 (1) Assist students with career planning and course work  
12 selection;

13 (2) Improve staff development;

14 (3) Provide guidance in development of remediation programs for  
15 students and reducing the number of students needing remediation when  
16 enrolling in an institution of higher education; and

17 (4) Measure educational progress in the context of post high  
18 school educational and career options considered by the student.

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