

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
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Call Item 4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 86

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5 By: Senator Broadway
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MEASURE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF STUDENTS IN
10 DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO MEASURE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF
15 STUDENTS IN DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. (a) The Department of Education shall conduct a three-year
21 study beginning in the 2004-2005 school year to determine the achievement of
22 students enrolled in distance learning courses by comparing the scores of
23 students enrolled in distance learning programs on benchmark tests, American
24 College Tests, end-of-course examinations, and norm-referenced tests with
25 those students enrolled in regular classroom programs.

26 (b) The study shall:

27 (1) Compare the scores of students in individual courses to
28 determine which types of distance learning are most effective; and

29 (2) Track and report the percentage of students who begin a
30 course in a distance learning environment but fail to complete the course.
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