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A Bill

SENATE BILL 432

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A
9 PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT OPERATES PRIMARILY AS A VIRTUAL
10 SCHOOL MAY OFFER A STATEWIDE STUDENT ASSESSMENT IN A
11 VIRTUAL SETTING; AND 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 Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 1, is amended
24 to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 6-18-114. Virtual testing.

26 (a) Subject to requirements established under subsection (b) of this
27 section, a public school that operates primarily as a virtual school may
28 administer a statewide student assessment to a student enrolled in the public
29 school in a virtual setting that best meets the educational needs of the
30 student.

31 (b) A public school that operates primarily as a virtual school and
32 that administers a statewide student assessment to a student in a virtual
33 setting as permitted under subsection (a) of this section shall ensure the
34 following requirements are met:

35 (1) The student to whom the statewide student assessment is
36 administered takes the statewide student assessment on an assigned date and



1 at an assigned time;

2 (2) The student to whom the statewide student assessment is
3 administered attends a synchronous assessment session initiated and managed
4 by personnel employed by the public school that operates primarily as a
5 virtual school;

6 (3)(A) If the statewide student assessment platform does not
7 allow integrated camera proctoring, the student to whom the statewide student
8 assessment is administered shall use two (2) devices for the duration of the
9 administration of the statewide student assessment, which shall include the
10 following:

11 (i) One (1) device on which the student takes the
12 statewide student assessment; and

13 (ii) One (1) device on which an assessment proctor
14 monitors the student for the duration of the administration of the statewide
15 student assessment via the camera on the required device.

16 (B) However, if the statewide student assessment platform
17 does allow for a proctor to view the student and the student's background
18 environment, then the secondary device required under subdivision
19 (b)(3)(A)(ii) of this section shall not be required;

20 (4) The device on which a student to whom the statewide student
21 assessment is administered has audio capabilities accessible by the
22 assessment administrator for purposes of monitoring the student;

23 (5) An adult approved in accordance with terms established by
24 the public school that primarily operates as a virtual school and is
25 administering a statewide student assessment to a student in a virtual
26 setting, including without limitation the student's parent, legal guardian,
27 or person standing in loco parentis to the student, is physically present
28 with the student for the duration of the administration of the statewide
29 student assessment;

30 (6) The public school that primarily operates as a virtual
31 school and is administering a statewide student assessment to a student in a
32 virtual setting seeks to maintain a student assessment taker to assessment
33 proctor ratio of ten (10) to one (1) or lower;

34 (7) The student to whom the statewide student assessment is
35 administered does not exit the assessment administration until instructed to
36 do so by the assigned assessment proctor; and

1 (8) The submission of a statewide student assessment
2 administered to an enrolled student by a public school that operates
3 primarily as a virtual school is verified by the assessment administrator.
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