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2 90th General Assembly

# A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2015

HOUSE BILL 1241

5 By: Representatives Lowery, Bentley, Harris, Payton, Richmond

6 By: Senators Irvin, J. Hendren

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO DELAY THE USE OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR  
10 ASSESSMENT OF READINESS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS  
11 (PARCC) ASSESSMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

15 TO DELAY THE USE OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR  
16 ASSESSMENT OF READINESS FOR COLLEGE AND  
17 CAREERS (PARCC) ASSESSMENT.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

22 *SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE.*

23 *(a)(1) The State Board of Education shall not renew its role as a*  
24 *governing state or its participation with the Partnership for Assessment of*  
25 *Readiness for College and Careers or enter into any contract or agreement in*  
26 *excess of one (1) year related to statewide assessments for public school*  
27 *students after the 2015-2016 school year or any school year thereafter.*

28 *(2) The state board shall take into consideration any*  
29 *recommendations that are made by the Governor's Council on Common Core Review*  
30 *before entering into any contract or agreement related to statewide*  
31 *assessments for public school students for the 2016-2017 school year.*

32 *(b) This section does not prevent the Department of Education from*  
33 *completing activities with the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for*  
34 *College and Careers in order to conclude the 2014-2015 school year, including*  
35 *without limitation all activities related to the scoring and reporting of the*  
36 *2014-2015 assessments.*



1 (c) Beginning June 1, 2015, neither the state board nor the state  
2 Department of Education shall provide access of any individually identifiable  
3 student data collected at the state level to the federal Department of  
4 Education, to any of the federal Department of Education's designated program  
5 monitors, technical assistance providers, research partners, government  
6 assistance organizations without the express written consent of the parent or  
7 legal guardian of the student.

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9 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
10 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there is substantial  
11 controversy and questions regarding the assessments associated with the  
12 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC); that  
13 until more information and understanding about the assessments are gleaned,  
14 the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)  
15 may need to be discontinued after the 2015-2016 school year; and that this  
16 act is immediately necessary to ensure students are assessed this current  
17 school year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being  
18 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and  
19 safety shall become effective on:

20 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

21 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
22 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
23 bill; or

24 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
25 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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27 /s/Lowery  
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