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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1461

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS
9 ASSESSMENTS FOR HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS; TO REQUIRE
10 CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OFFER THE SAME TESTING
11 OPPORTUNITIES REGARDING ACCESS AND FUNDING TO HOME-
12 SCHOOLED STUDENTS AS IS OFFERED TO PUBLIC SCHOOL
13 STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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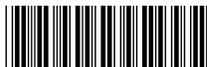
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 5, is amended
27 to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 6-15-511. Statewide student assessment system.

29 (a) A public school district or open-enrollment public charter school
30 that offers to public school students college and career readiness
31 assessments at no cost to the public school students shall offer to home-
32 schooled students who have registered or otherwise met minimum testing
33 requirements and who reside in the district in which the public school or
34 open-enrollment public charter school is located:

35 (1) Access to the testing sites at which the college or career
36 readiness assessments are administered;



1 (2) Financial assistance for purposes of paying for or reducing
2 the costs of the college or career readiness assessment the home-schooled
3 student intends to take; and

4 (3) Accommodations for home-schooled students with disabilities
5 that have been approved by the test developer or provider during the
6 administration of a college or career readiness assessment.

7 (b) As used in this section, "college and career readiness assessment"
8 includes without limitation:

9 (1) The ACT test;

10 (2) The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test;

11 (3) The Scholastic Assessment Test;

12 (4) An Advanced Placement test; and

13 (5) Other assessments commonly used for college admission,
14 college scholarships, or financial aid to attend college.

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