

A.C.A. §10-3-2102

2017-18 Adequacy study responsibilities	Shall be accomplished by:	Date addressed
<p>(1) Assess, evaluate, and monitor the entire spectrum of public education across the State of Arkansas to determine whether equal educational opportunity for an adequate education is being substantially afforded to the school children of the State of Arkansas and recommend any necessary changes;</p>	Reviewing a report prepared by the Division of Legislative Audit compiling all funding received by public schools for each program	
	Reviewing the Arkansas academic standards developed by the Department of Education	
<p>(2) Review and continue to evaluate what constitutes an adequate education in the State of Arkansas and recommend any necessary changes;</p>	<p>Reviewing the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act</p>	8/22/17
<p>(3) Review and continue to evaluate the method of providing equality of educational opportunity of the State of Arkansas and recommend any necessary changes;</p> <p>(4) Evaluate the effectiveness of any program implemented by a school, a school district, an education service cooperative, the Dept. of Education, or the State Board of Education and recommend necessary changes;</p>	Reviewing fiscal and facilities distress programs	
	<p>Reviewing the state's standing under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as reauthorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015</p>	8/22/17
<p>(5) Review the average teacher salary in the State of Arkansas in comparison to average teacher salaries in surrounding states and member states of the Southern Regional Education Board and make recommendations for any necessary changes to teacher salaries in the State of Arkansas established by law;</p>	Reviewing the Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan process	
	<p>Comparing the average teacher salary in Arkansas with surrounding states and Southern Regional Education Board member states, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparing teacher salaries as adjusted by a cost-of-living index or a comparative wage index • Reviewing the minimum teacher compensation salary schedule 	
<p>(6) Review and continue to evaluate the costs of an adequate education for all students in the State of Arkansas, taking into account cost-of-living variances, diseconomies of scale, transportation variability, demographics, school districts with a disproportionate number of students who are economically disadvantaged or have educational disabilities, and other factors as deemed relevant, and recommend any necessary changes;</p>	Reviewing expenditures from isolated school funding	
	Reviewing expenditures from National School Lunch state funding	
	Reviewing expenditures from declining enrollment funding	
	Reviewing expenditures from student growth funding	
	Reviewing expenditures from special education funding	
<p>(7) Review and continue to evaluate the amount of per-student expenditure necessary to provide an equal educational opportunity and the amount of state funds to be provided to school districts, based upon the cost of an adequate education and monitor the expenditures and distribution of state funds and recommend any necessary changes;</p>	Reviewing disparities in teacher salaries	
	Completing an expenditure analysis	
<p>(8) Review and monitor the amount of funding provided by the State of Arkansas for an education system based on need and the amount necessary to provide an adequate educational system, not on the amount of funding available, and make recommendations for funding for each biennium.</p>	Completing a resource allocation review	
	Using evidence-based research as the basis for recalibrating as necessary the state's system of funding public education	
	Adjusting for the inflation or deflation of any appropriate component of the system of funding public education	
	Reviewing legislation enacted or rules promulgated during the biennium covered by the study to determine the impact of the legislation and rules on educational adequacy-related public school costs	
	Reviewing any related topics identified for further study by the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.	