

6-15-403. Authority of State Board of Education.

Statute text

(a) The State Board of Education through the Department of Education shall:

(1) Develop a single comprehensive testing, assessment, and accountability program which utilizes the most current and effective testing, evaluation, and assessment research information designed to achieve the following purposes set forth in this subchapter:

- (A) Set clear academic standards that are periodically reviewed and revised;
- (B) Establish professional development;
- (C) Establish expected achievement levels;
- (D) Report on student achievement and other indicators;
- (E) Provide evaluation data;
- (F) Recognize academic excellence and failure;
- (G) Apply awards and sanctions; and
- (H) Comply with current federal and state law and state board rules and

regulations;

(2) Promulgate rules and regulations as may be necessary to develop and implement the comprehensive testing, assessment, and accountability program;

(3) Employ staff and enter into contracts as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this subchapter;

(4) Classify school services, designate the licensure subject areas, establish competencies, including the use of technology to enhance student learning, and licensure requirements for all school-based personnel, and prescribe rules in accordance with initial, standard, and provisional licenses;

(5) Identify critical teacher shortage areas; and

(6) Collect and maintain the management information databases for all components of the public kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) education system.

(b) To transition to and implement the Common Core State Standards, the State Board of Education may:

(1) Modify curriculum and assessment requirements;

(2) Adopt new curriculum and assessment requirements; and

(3) Direct the Department of Education to:

(A) Propose to the state board rules and procedures; and

(B) Develop the professional development needed to train educators on the transition and implementation.

History

History. Acts 1983 (Ex. Sess.), No. 54, § 3; 1983 (Ex. Sess.), No. 89, § 3; A.S.A. 1947, § 80-5803; Acts 1993, No. 846, § 3; 1997, No. 1172, § 3; 1999, No. 999, § 4; 2003, No. 1467, § 9; 2011, No. 989, § 14.

Annotations

Amendments. The 2011 amendment added (b).

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 383

5 By: Senator J. Jeffress
6 By: Representative Cheatham
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS CODE
10 TITLE 6 CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION; TO MAKE
11 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 6; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS
17 CODE TITLE 6 CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-11-105(a), concerning the powers and
23 duties of the State Board of Education, is amended to add an additional
24 subdivision to read as follows:

25 (12)(A) If the state board orders the takeover of a school
26 district under authority granted under this title and also orders the removal
27 of the school district board of directors, the state board may assume all
28 authority of the school district board of directors as may be necessary for
29 the day-to-day governance of the school district.

30 (B) The state board may designate the authority granted
31 under this subdivision (a)(12) to the Commissioner of Education.
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-11-129(a)(1)(B), concerning data to be
34 accessible on a school district's website, is amended to read as follows:

35 (B) Each school district's personnel policies required
36 under § 6-17-201 et seq. and § 6-17-2301 et seq.



1 department under § 6-13-1602(1) as having fewer than three hundred fifty
2 (350) students according to the school district average daily membership in
3 the school year immediately preceding the current school year.

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5 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 6-15-203(a)(1), concerning the
6 notification of violations of the standards for accreditation, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (a)(1) The Department of Education annually shall notify all schools
9 or school districts failing to meet standards for accreditation for
10 elementary and secondary schools not later than ~~May 15~~ May 1 of each year of
11 this determination.

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13 SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 6-15-203(b)(3), concerning the appeal of a
14 determination of a violation of the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas
15 Public Schools and School Districts, is amended to read as follows:

16 (3) Appeals must be filed not later than ~~May 30~~ May 15 following
17 the ~~May 15~~ May 1 determination of accreditation status, and the state board
18 hearing must be held prior to ~~August 15~~ June 30 of the same calendar year.

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20 SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 6-15-403, concerning the authority of the
21 State Board of Education pertaining to the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing,
22 Assessment, and Accountability Program, is amended to add an additional
23 subsection to read as follows:

24 (b) To transition to and implement the Common Core State
25 Standards, the State Board of Education may:

26 (1) Modify curriculum and assessment requirements;

27 (2) Adopt new curriculum and assessment requirements; and

28 (3) Direct the Department of Education to:

29 (A) Propose to the state board rules and procedures; and

30 (B) Develop the professional development needed to train
31 educators on the transition and implementation.

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33 SECTION 15. Arkansas Code § 6-15-404(j)(2), concerning implementation
34 of the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability
35 Program, is amended to read as follows:

36 (2) The results of ~~the~~ general and high-stakes end-of-course