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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1648

5 By: Representative C. Douglas
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
9 CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.
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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
14 CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-202(e), concerning on-site standards
21 for accreditation reviews, is amended to read as follows:

22 (e)(1) The department shall conduct ~~an on-campus~~ a Standards for
23 Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts review for each
24 public school or public school district in the state no less than one (1)
25 time every four (4) years;

26 (A) Identified as being at a high risk of failing to meet
27 the standards; or

28 (B) Whenever the department or state board deems
29 necessary.

30 (2) ~~The department may visit any school campus for an on-campus~~
31 ~~Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts~~
32 ~~review at other additional times as determined necessary by the Commissioner~~
33 ~~of Education or the state board~~ The review under subdivision (e)(1) of this
34 section may be conducted onsite at the public school or public school
35 district.
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-206(d), concerning onsite standards
2 for accreditation reviews, is amended to read as follows:

3 (d)(1) ~~An onsite~~ The department shall conduct a review of each
4 school's compliance ~~shall be made at least every two (2) years or more~~
5 ~~frequently~~ if the department has reason to believe that the school district
6 or any school ~~therein~~ within the public school district has fallen below
7 standards for accreditation.

8 (2) The review under subdivision (d)(1) of this section may be
9 conducted onsite at the public school or public school district.

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11 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2006(b) and (c), concerning
12 publication of annual school district progress reports, is amended to read as
13 follows:

14 (b)(1) A school district board of directors shall publish annually ~~in~~
15 ~~the local newspaper~~ on its website the school performance report required by
16 § 6-15-1402 ~~and report in writing to the State Board of Education~~ by October
17 15 of each year the following information on the prior school year or the
18 latest information available:

19 ~~(1)(A)~~ By grade level, economic status, and ethnicity, the
20 number and percentage of all students in kindergarten through grade twelve
21 (K-12) performing at each category level on the state-mandated examinations,
22 the percentile rankings by school and grade level on any other assessments as
23 required by the state board, the number of students taking advanced placement
24 courses or courses offered under the International Baccalaureate Diploma
25 Programme, the number taking the advanced placement exams, and the percent of
26 students making a 3, 4, or 5 on advanced placement exams;

27 ~~(2)(B)~~ By grade level, the number and percentage of all
28 students retained in grades one through eight (1-8);

29 ~~(3)(C)~~ The graduation rate, grade inflation rate, drop-out
30 rate for grades nine through twelve (9-12), and college remediation rate;

31 ~~(4)(D)~~ The number of students transferring pursuant to the
32 unsafe school provision of § 6-15-432; and

33 ~~(5)(E)~~ The number of students transferring pursuant to the
34 Arkansas Opportunity Public School Choice Act of 2004, § 6-18-227.

35 (2) The school performance report shall be easily identifiable
36 on the website.

