For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO LIMIT THE USE OF AN ENGLISH LEARNER’S SCORE ON A STATE-MANDATED ASSESSMENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL AND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY PURPOSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO LIMIT THE USE OF AN ENGLISH LEARNER’S SCORE ON A STATE-MANDATED ASSESSMENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL AND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 10, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-10-130. Use of English learner assessment scores.

(a) The score on statewide student assessments for an English learner student:

(1) Shall not be counted for growth or achievement purposes in the accountability ratings of a public school or public school district if the English learner student has been enrolled in a public school or private school in the United States for less than twelve (12) months; and

(2) Shall be counted for growth purposes only and not for achievement purposes in the accountability ratings of a public school or
public school district if the English learner student has been enrolled in a public school or private school in the United States for at least twelve (12) months but not more than twenty-four (24) months.

/s/Della Rosa

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