

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 81st General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1997

# A Bill

ACT 1160 OF 1997  
HOUSE BILL 2241

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5 By: Representative Bisbee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM FOR THE STUDY, REVIEW, AND FORMAL  
10 EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
11 ESTABLISHED BY LAW AND ADMINISTERED BY THE ARKANSAS  
12 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."  
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## Subtitle

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15 "TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM FOR REVIEW OF  
16 INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS IN THE PUBLIC  
17 SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED BY LAW AND  
18 ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
19 EDUCATION."  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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### SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

23 The General Assembly finds and acknowledges that a system of evaluation  
24 is needed to justify expenditure of state resources on effective instructional  
25 programs and to eliminate state funding of ineffective instructional programs.  
26 The General Assembly further finds that an evaluation system to examine  
27 instructional programs administered by the Arkansas Department of Education  
28 must be implemented by the Director of the Arkansas Department of Education,  
29 General Division, in order to make a recommendation regarding continuation or  
30 termination of any mandated instructional program administered by the  
31 Department of Education.  
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### SECTION 2. Procedures.

34 (a) Beginning in 1997-98 and each year thereafter, the Program  
35 Performance Audit of these instructional programs enacted by the Legislature  
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1 shall determine whether the continuation of such instructional programs is  
2 justified.

3       (b) Each instructional program administered by the Department of  
4 Education shall be formally reviewed by a Program Performance Audit every four  
5 (4) years to evaluate purposes, activities, duties, accomplishments and  
6 resources required to implement the program.

7       (c) Upon completion of the Program Performance Audits, the Director of  
8 the Arkansas Department of Education shall make a recommendation to the  
9 Legislature regarding the continuation or termination of any program enacted  
10 by legislative action.

11       (d) The Program Performance Audit shall include:

12               (1) Extent to which the instructional program has served the  
13 original purpose of the legislation;

14               (2) Extent to which the instructional program has complied with  
15 all laws, rules and regulations defining its powers and duties;

16               (3) Extent to which operations of the instructional program have  
17 been impeded or enhanced by available resources;

18               (4) Any formal critique filed regarding the instructional  
19 program;

20               (5) Recognition by professional organizations regarding the  
21 effectiveness of the instructional program;

22               (6) Statistical analysis of the instructional program regarding  
23 the populations served, costs of program, staff requirements, and improved  
24 student achievement;

25               (7) Justification for the continued existence or termination of  
26 the instructional program.

27       (e) A written evaluation report on each mandated instructional program  
28 which includes the formal recommendation will be provided to the Legislature.

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30       SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
31 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
32 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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34       SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
35 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
36 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without

1 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
2 act are declared to be severable.

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4 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
5 hereby repealed.

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