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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 330

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONTINUING ADEQUACY EVALUATION  
9 ACT OF 2004; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

11 TO AMEND THE CONTINUING ADEQUACY  
12 EVALUATION ACT OF 2004.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 10-3-2102(j), concerning items to be  
20 included in the study of the amount of funding for public schools, is amended  
21 to read as follows:

22 (j) The study for subdivision (a)(8) of this section shall be  
23 accomplished by:

24 (1) Using evidence-based research as the basis for recalibrating  
25 as necessary the state's system of funding public education;

26 (2) Adjusting for the inflation or deflation of any appropriate  
27 component of the system of funding public education every two (2) years; ~~and~~

28 (3) Reviewing legislation enacted or rules promulgated during  
29 the biennium covered by the study to determine the impact of the legislation  
30 and rules on educational adequacy-related public school costs; and

31 (4) Reviewing any related topics identified for further study by  
32 the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.  
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34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 10-3-2104 is amended to read as follows:  
35 10-3-2104. Report.

36 (a) The House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on



1 Education shall file separately or jointly, or both, reports of their  
2 findings and recommendations with the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and  
3 the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than ~~September 1~~  
4 November 1 of each year ~~prior to~~ before the convening of a regular session.

5 (b) For each recommendation the report shall include proposed  
6 implementation schedules with timelines, specific steps, agencies and persons  
7 responsible, resources needed, and drafts of bills proposing all necessary  
8 and recommended legislative changes.

9 (c) The report shall be supplemented as needed to accomplish the  
10 purposes of this continuing evaluation.

11 (d)(1) Before a fiscal session ~~under Arkansas Constitution, Article 5,~~  
12 ~~§ 5,~~ the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education  
13 shall meet, jointly or separately as needed, to review the funding  
14 recommendations contained in the most recent report filed under this section.

15 (2) The House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on  
16 Education, meeting jointly or separately as needed, also shall review any  
17 other matters identified by the House Committee on Education or the Senate  
18 Committee on Education that may affect the state's obligation to provide a  
19 substantially equal opportunity for an adequate education for all public  
20 school students.

21 (3) By ~~September 1~~ November 1 of the calendar year before the  
22 beginning of a fiscal session, if the House Committee on Education and the  
23 Senate Committee on Education find that the recommendations in the most  
24 recent adequacy evaluation report filed under this section should be amended,  
25 the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education,  
26 jointly or separately, or both, shall advise in writing the President Pro  
27 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of  
28 their findings and amendments to the adequacy evaluation report.

29 (e) The House Committee on Education or the Senate Committee on  
30 Education, separately or jointly, shall publish a draft of the report  
31 required under this section or any amendment or supplement to the report not  
32 less than fourteen (14) days before the report, amendment, or supplement is  
33 submitted to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
34 House of Representatives.

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36 /s/J. Jeffress **APPROVED: 03/25/2011**