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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 337

5 By: Senator L. Chesterfield  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROCESS FOR EVALUATING ARKANSAS  
9 PRESCHOOL AND PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND THE PROCESS FOR EVALUATING  
15 ARKANSAS PRESCHOOL AND PREKINDERGARTEN  
16 PROGRAMS.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 45, Subchapter 1 is amended*  
22 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

23 *6-45-111. Early childhood program assessments.*

24 *(a) The Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education shall*  
25 *assess each early childhood program in this state that receives state funding*  
26 *under this subchapter based on nationally recognized standards and*  
27 *assessments that may include without limitation the following components:*

28 *(1) Curriculum and learning environment;*

29 *(2) Training and education of staff;*

30 *(3) Adult-to-child ratios;*

31 *(4) Student assessments;*

32 *(5) Health and safety conditions;*

33 *(6) Family involvement; and*

34 *(7) Site visits.*

35 *(b) The certification under § 6-45-109 of a child care facility that*  
36 *has an early childhood program is subject to the review of the assessment by*



1 the division.

2 (c) The division annually shall provide a summary of the results of  
3 assessments conducted under this section concerning the quality of the early  
4 childhood programs assessed to the Governor, the interim Senate Committee on  
5 Education, and the interim House Committee on Education.

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*/s/L. Chesterfield*

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