Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 1216 of the Regular Session

1	State of Arkansas	A Bill	
2	90th General Assembly	A DIII	CENATE DILL 012
3	Regular Session, 2015		SENATE BILL 812
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5	By: Senator B. Johnson		
6 7	By: Representative Murdock		
, 8	F	or An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE		
10	CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS		
11	PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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17	CAREER READINESS PROGRAM.		
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:		
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22	SECTION 1. Arkansas	Code § 6-15-441(a) and (b), con	cerning the
23	Arkansas College and Career Readiness Planning Program, are amended to read		
24	as follows:		
25	(a) As used in this s	ection:	
26	(1) "College an	d career readiness" means the a	cquisition of the
27	knowledge and skills a stud	ent needs to be successful in f	uture endeavors,
28	including:		
29	(A) Succe	ssfully completing credit-beari	ng, first-year
30	courses at a postsecondary institution; and		
31	(B) Embar	king on a chosen career; <u>and</u>	
32	(2) "College and career readiness assessment" means a test that		
33	measures student readiness for postsecondary learning and is:		
34	(A) Admin	istered under this section; or	
35	(B) Used by an institution of higher education as part of		
36	its admissions, placement,	and scholarship processes <del>;</del>	



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1 (3) "EXPLORE" means the pre-ACT assessment designed by ACT, Inc. 2 to help students in grade eight (8) explore a broad range of options for 3 their future and focus not only on high school coursework but also on post-4 high school choices; 5 (4) "PLAN" means the pre-ACT assessment for students in grade ten 6 (10) used to help a student focus attention on improved academic achievement, 7 career preparation, and planning for post-high school years; and 8 (5) "PSAT" means the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship 9 Qualifying Test that provides practice for the SAT Reasoning Test and gives 10 students feedback on individual strengths and weaknesses on college readiness 11 skills. 12 (b)(1)(A) A public school that serves students in grade eight (8) shall administer **EXPLORE** a college and career readiness assessment approved by the 13 14 State Board of Education to each student enrolled in grade eight (8) at the 15 public school. 16 (B) A public school that serves students in grade grades 17 ten (10) through twelve (10-12) shall administer PLAN or the PSAT a college 18 and career readiness assessment approved by the state board to each student 19 enrolled in grade ten (10) at the public school before the student graduates 20 from high school. 21 (2) Funding for the college and career readiness assessments 22 listed in subdivision (b)(1) of this section may be paid by using Department 23 of Education at-risk funding. 24 (3) (A) The department may designate alternative assessments other 25 than EXPLORE, PLAN, or PSAT to satisfy the purposes of this section. 26 (B) The alternative assessments may include without 27 limitation next-generation assessments as approved by the State Board of 28 Education. 29 30 APPROVED: 04/07/2015 31 32 33 34 35

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