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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 226

5 By: Senator Irvin  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO EXPAND THE ARKANSAS COLLEGE AND CAREER  
9 READINESS PLANNING PROGRAM BY ALLOWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
10 TO USE THE ASPIRE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM AS AN ALTERNATIVE  
11 TO THE ACT EXPLORE AND ACT PLAN OR PSAT; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 TO EXPAND THE ARKANSAS COLLEGE AND CAREER  
16 READINESS PLANNING PROGRAM BY ALLOWING  
17 PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO USE THE ASPIRE  
18 ASSESSMENT SYSTEM AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO  
19 THE ACT EXPLORE AND ACT PLAN OR PSAT.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-441(b), concerning the Arkansas  
26 College and Career Readiness Planning Program, is amended to read as follows:

27 ~~(b)(1)(A)~~ A public school shall either:

28 (A) Administer the EXPLORE that serves students in grade  
29 ~~eight (8) shall administer EXPLORE~~ to each student enrolled in grade eight  
30 (8) at the public school, if any;

31 ~~(B) A public school that serves students in grade ten (10)~~  
32 ~~shall administer PLAN or the PSAT~~ (B) Administer the PLAN or PSAT to each  
33 student enrolled in grade ten (10) at the public school, if any;

34 (C)(i) Administer the ACT in grade ten (10), grade eleven  
35 (11), or grade twelve (12) to each student who meets the federal or state  
36 requirements for assessment, if any.



1 (ii) The ACT may be administered to a student more  
2 than once, in one (1) or more grades at the discretion of the Department of  
3 Education; or

4 (D)(i) Administer the Aspire Assessment System to  
5 each student at the appropriate grade level, including the ACT in grade ten  
6 (10), grade eleven (11), or grade twelve (12) to each student who meets the  
7 federal or state requirements for assessment.

8 (ii) The ACT may be administered to a student more  
9 than once, in one (1) or more grades at the discretion of the department.

10 (2) Funding for the college and career readiness assessments  
11 listed in subdivision (b)(1) of this section may be paid by using Department  
12 of Education at-risk funding.

13 (3)(A) The department may designate alternative assessments  
14 other than EXPLORE, PLAN, ~~or~~ PSAT, or ACT, or Aspire Assessment System to  
15 satisfy the purposes of this section.

16 (B) The alternative assessments may include without  
17 limitation next-generation assessments as approved by the State Board of  
18 Education.

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20 /s/ Irvin

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23 **APPROVED: 04/02/2015**