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A Bill

SENATE BILL 124

5 By: Senator J. Sturch
6 By: Representative Evans
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
10 CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CONTENT STANDARDS
11 AND CURRICULUM FRAMEWORKS; TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE
12 ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE STATEWIDE STUDENT
13 ASSESSMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CONTENT
18 STANDARDS AND CURRICULUM FRAMEWORKS; AND
19 TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
20 CONCERNING THE STATEWIDE STUDENT
21 ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1505 is amended to read as follows:
28 6-15-1505. School district implementation.

29 (a) ~~Beginning with the 2003-2004 school year, each~~ Each local school
30 district shall establish procedures and monitoring processes to ensure that
31 the content of each course offered by the school district is consistent with
32 content standards and curriculum frameworks ~~developed~~ approved by the State
33 Board of Education.

34 (b) The superintendent of each school district shall provide to the
35 Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, ~~by October 1 of each year~~
36 ~~following the adoption of the plan under subsection (a) of this section, a~~



1 written statement of assurance that the content of each class and subject
2 area, as required by the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public
3 Schools and School Districts ~~regardless of levels~~, is aligned to content
4 standards and curriculum frameworks ~~developed~~ approved by the state board ~~in~~
5 ~~the plan~~.

6 (c) The division shall monitor, during the standards review visit,
7 documentation of procedures and monitoring processes as required under
8 subsection (a) of this section ~~related to the plan~~.

9 (d) If the division determines that a school district has failed to
10 align the content of each class and subject area as required by the state
11 board to content standards and curriculum frameworks ~~developed~~ approved by
12 the state board, the division shall take enforcement actions as outlined in
13 the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School
14 Districts.

15 ~~(1) Note the failure to comply in the annual school performance~~
16 ~~report under § 6-15-1402; and~~

17 ~~(2) Cite the failure to comply of each school on the Standards~~
18 ~~for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts Annual~~
19 ~~Report.~~

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21 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2907(h), concerning the statewide
22 student assessment system, is amended to read as follows:

23 (h) The division shall provide for statewide student assessments that
24 are:

25 (1) Valid and reliable;

26 (2) Obtained or developed, as appropriate, through contracts and
27 project agreements;

28 (3) Aligned to the Arkansas academic standards; and

29 (4) Scored and returned for public school and school district
30 use by ~~July 1~~ August 1 of each year.

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33 **APPROVED: 3/4/21**
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