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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1151

5 By: Representative Evans
6 By: Senator L. Eads
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO SUSPEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL RATING SYSTEM FOR
10 THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR UNDER § 6-15-2105; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO SUSPEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL RATING
16 SYSTEM FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR
17 UNDER § 6-15-2105.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

23 The General Assembly finds that:

24 (1) Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) has spread throughout the world,
25 resulting in a global pandemic;

26 (2) The spread of coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) has resulted in
27 the disruption of the education of students attending kindergarten through
28 grade 12 (K-12) in this state during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school
29 years;

30 (3) Due to impossibility, public schools did not receive a
31 rating under the public school rating system pursuant to § 6-15-2105 for the
32 2019-2020 school year because statewide student assessments were not
33 conducted during the 2019-2020 school year due to the disruption of education
34 caused by the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic; and

35 (4) A suspension of the public school rating system under § 6-
36 15-2105 is warranted for the 2020-2021 school year due to the continuing



1 disruption to education caused by the ongoing coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)
2 pandemic.

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4 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Public school rating system.

5 For the 2020-2021 school year, the Division of Elementary and Secondary
6 Education shall not assign school ratings pursuant to § 6-15-2105.

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