

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
88th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2011  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 337**

TO AMEND THE PROCESS FOR EVALUATING ARKANSAS PRESCHOOL AND  
PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 337**

Amend Senate Bill No. 337 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 45, Subchapter 1 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-45-111. Early childhood program assessments.

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

- (1) Curriculum and learning environment;
- (2) Training and education of staff;
- (3) Adult-to-child ratios;
- (4) Student assessments;
- (5) Health and safety conditions;
- (6) Family involvement; and
- (7) Site visits.

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

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



The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator L. Chesterfield  
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Secretary