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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1859

TO REPEAL ACT 1204 OF 2007.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1859

Amend House Bill No. 1859 as originally introduced:

Delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

“SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 10-3-2102(f)-(j), concerning duties under the Continuing Adequacy Evaluation Act of 2004, is repealed:

~~(f) The study for subdivisions (a)(1)-(4) of this section shall be accomplished by:~~

~~(1) Reviewing a report prepared by the Division of Legislative Audit compiling all funding received by public schools for each program;~~

~~(2) Reviewing the curriculum frameworks developed by the Department of Education;~~

~~(3) Reviewing the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program, § 6-15-401 et seq.;~~

~~(4) Reviewing fiscal, academic, and facilities distress programs;~~

~~(5) Reviewing the state's standing under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.;~~

~~(6) Reviewing the Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan process; and~~

~~(7) Reviewing the specific programs identified for further study by the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.~~

~~(g)(1) The study for subdivision (a)(5) of this section shall be accomplished by comparing the average teacher salary in Arkansas with surrounding states and Southern Regional Education Board member states, including without limitation:~~

~~(A) Comparing teacher salaries as adjusted by a cost of living index or a comparative wage index;~~

~~(B) Reviewing the minimum teacher compensation salary schedule; and~~

~~(C) Reviewing any related topics identified for further study by the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.~~

~~(2) Depending on the availability of National Education Association data on teacher salaries in other states, the teacher salary comparison may be prepared as a supplement to the report after September 1.~~

~~(h) The study for subdivision (a)(6) of this section shall be accomplished by reviewing:~~



~~(1) Expenditures from:~~
~~(A) Isolated school funding;~~
~~(B) National school lunch student funding;~~
~~(C) Declining enrollment funding;~~
~~(D) Student growth funding;~~
~~(E) Special education funding;~~
~~(2) Disparities in teacher salaries; and~~
~~(3) Any related topics identified for further study by the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.~~
~~(i) The study for subdivision (a)(7) of this section shall be accomplished by:~~
~~(1) Completing an expenditure analysis and resource allocation review each biennium; and~~
~~(2) Reviewing any related topics identified for further study by the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.~~
~~(j) The study for subdivision (a)(8) of this section shall be accomplished by:~~
~~(1) Using evidence based research as the basis for recalibrating as necessary the state's system of funding public education;~~
~~(2) Adjusting for the inflation or deflation of any appropriate component of the system of funding public education every two (2) years;~~
~~(3) Reviewing legislation enacted or rules promulgated during the biennium covered by the study to determine the impact of the legislation and rules on educational adequacy related public school costs; and~~
~~(4) Reviewing any related topics identified for further study by the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 10-3-2104(c), concerning a report under the Continuing Adequacy Evaluation Act of 2004, is repealed.

~~(c) The report shall be supplemented as needed to accomplish the purposes of this continuing evaluation."~~

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Murdock
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Chief Clerk