

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1554

5 By: Representatives Betts, Cook, T. Bradford, Dale, J. Dickinson, Hopper, McCrary, McLean, Nickels,  
6 Powers, G. Smith  
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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLICATION  
11 OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT;  
12 TO INCLUDE AN OPTION FOR PUBLICATION BY WEBSITE  
13 POSTING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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15 **Subtitle**

16 TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PUBLISH  
17 ITS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT BY WEBSITE  
18 POSTING.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2006(b), concerning publication of the  
24 annual report of a public school district, is amended to read as follows:

25 (b) ~~Beginning with the 2004-2005 school~~ By October 15 of each year,  
26 each school district board of directors shall annually:

27 ~~(1) publish in the local newspaper~~ Publish the school  
28 performance report required by § 6-15-1402:

29 (A) In the local newspaper; or

30 (B)(i) On the school district's website.

31 (ii) A school district may include in a written  
32 notice provided to a parent under subsection (a) of this section the website  
33 address where the annual report may be found; and

34 ~~(2) report~~ Report in writing to the State Board of Education ~~by~~  
35 ~~October 15 of each year~~ the following information on the prior school year or  
36 the latest information available:



1 ~~(1)(A)~~ By grade level, economic status, and ethnicity,  
2 the:

3 ~~(i) number~~ Number and percentage of all students in  
4 grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12) performing at each category level  
5 on the benchmark examinations, and end-of-course examinations;

6 ~~(ii) the percentile~~ Percentile rankings by school  
7 and grade level on norm-referenced exams, and any other assessments ~~as~~  
8 required by the state board;

9 ~~(iii) the number~~ Number of students taking advanced  
10 placement courses or courses offered under the International Baccalaureate  
11 Diploma Program;

12 ~~(iv) the number~~ Number of students taking the  
13 advanced placement exams; and

14 ~~(v) the percent~~ Percent of students making a 3.0,  
15 4.0, or 5.0 on advanced placement exams;

16 ~~(2)(B)~~ By grade level, the number and percentage of all  
17 students retained in grades one through eight (1-8);

18 ~~(3)(C)~~ The graduation rate, grade inflation rate, and  
19 drop-out rate for grades nine through twelve (9-12), ~~and~~;

20 ~~(D)~~ The college remediation rate of students enrolled in  
21 grade twelve (12);

22 ~~(4)~~ (E) The number of students transferring pursuant to  
23 the unsafe school provision of § 6-15-432; and

24 ~~(5)~~ (F) The number of students transferring pursuant to  
25 the Arkansas Opportunity Public School Choice Act of 2004, § 6-18-227.

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27 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2101(a)(3), concerning publication of  
28 the annual school performance report, is amended to read as follows:

29 (3) Annual school performance reports shall be:

30 ~~(A) sent~~ Sent to all parents or guardians;

31 ~~(B) posted~~ Posted on the department's website; and

32 ~~(C)~~ Either:

33 ~~(i) published~~ Published by the local school district  
34 in the local newspaper; or

35 (ii) Posted on the school district's website.

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1           SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2101(a), concerning publication of the  
2 annual school performance report, is amended to add an additional subdivision  
3 to read as follows:

4                       (4) When a school district publishes a notice of a meeting of  
5 the board of directors of a school district at which the board will discuss  
6 the annual school performance report, the school district may include in the  
7 notice:

8                               (A) The website address where a copy of the annual school  
9 performance report may be accessed; or

10                               (B) That a copy of the notice may be picked up at a  
11 specified location in the school district.

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13   /s/ Betts  
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