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A Bill

SENATE BILL 337

5 By: Senator L. Chesterfield
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROCESS FOR EVALUATING ARKANSAS
9 PRESCHOOL AND PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO AMEND THE PROCESS FOR EVALUATING
15 ARKANSAS PRESCHOOL AND PREKINDERGARTEN
16 PROGRAMS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 45, Subchapter 1 is amended*
22 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

23 *6-45-111. Early childhood program assessments.*

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

28 *(1) Curriculum and learning environment;*

29 *(2) Training and education of staff;*

30 *(3) Adult-to-child ratios;*

31 *(4) Student assessments;*

32 *(5) Health and safety conditions;*

33 *(6) Family involvement; and*

34 *(7) Site visits.*

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



1 the division.

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

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/s/L. Chesterfield

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