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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1600

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCY IN REPORTING BY A SCHOOL  
9 DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

11 TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCY IN REPORTING BY A  
12 SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 10, Subchapter 1, is amended  
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 6-10-126. Efficiency in reporting.

22 (a)(1) The Department of Education or the Department of Career  
23 Education may require a school district or public school to submit data and  
24 other information deemed necessary to assure that a school district or public  
25 school is in substantial compliance with federal and state law and rule.

26 (2) All divisions of the Department of Education and the  
27 Department of Career Education shall have access to data and other  
28 information that is submitted.

29 (b) As used in this section "data and other information" that is  
30 considered submitted includes information that is:

31 (1) Maintained by a school district or public school in E-  
32 School, E-Finance, or the Arkansas Public School Computer Network Statewide  
33 Information System;

34 (2) Contained in any statewide data system or successor  
35 program;

36 (3) Delivered to the Department of Education or the



1 Department of Career Education in paper format; and

2 (4) Available on the website of the school district or  
3 public school.

4 (c)(1) The Department of Education or the Department of Career  
5 Education may require a school district or public school to resubmit or  
6 explain data and other information if the data or other information is  
7 determined to be inaccurate, incomplete, or not in substantial compliance  
8 with federal or state law or rule.

9 (2) Except as provided under subdivision (c)(1) of this section,  
10 data and other information shall not have to be resubmitted or explained in  
11 its original format or any other format.

12 (d) If the Department of Education or the Department of Career  
13 Education requires data or other information to be complied into a format  
14 that is different from what was originally submitted by a school district or  
15 public school the Department of Education or the Department of Career  
16 Education shall make the necessary format changes.

17 (e)(1) A school district or public school is in substantial compliance  
18 with a federal or state law or rule if the school district or public school  
19 meets the intent of the federal or state law or rule.

20 (2) A minor deviation, including punctuation mistakes, wording  
21 errors, or other insignificant differences are not considered failures to  
22 substantial compliance.

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