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A Bill

SENATE BILL 349

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING PRACTICES, INTERVENTIONS, AND
10 CURRICULUM THAT ARE BASED ON THE SCIENCE OF READING;
11 TO ADJUST FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT OFFER
12 CERTAIN TYPES OF READING PRACTICES, INTERVENTIONS,
13 AND CURRICULUM THAT ARE NOT ALIGNED WITH THE SCIENCE
14 OF READING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 TO ADJUST FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT
19 OFFER CERTAIN TYPES OF READING PRACTICES,
20 INTERVENTIONS, AND CURRICULUM THAT ARE
21 NOT ALIGNED WITH THE SCIENCE OF READING.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-429(i), concerning violating
27 provisions of the Right to Read Act, is amended to add an additional
28 subdivision to read as follows:

29 (3)(A) A public school district or an open-enrollment public
30 charter school shall not use a program of instruction for students in
31 kindergarten through grade two (K-2) that is based in any practice or
32 intervention program that utilizes:

33 (i) The three-cueing system model of reading;

34 (ii) Visual memory as the primary basis for teaching
35 word recognition; or

36 (iii) The three-cueing system model of reading based



1 on meaning, structure and syntax, and visual, which is also known as "MSV".

2 (B)(i) If the state board determines that a public school
3 district or an open-enrollment public charter school has violated subdivision
4 (i)(3)(A) of this section, the state board shall notify the public school
5 district or the open-enrollment public charter school of its violation.

6 (ii)(a) If a public school district or an open-
7 enrollment public charter school fails to remedy its violation under
8 subdivision (i)(3)(A) of this section within sixty (60) days of notification
9 of its failure to comply with subdivision (i)(3)(A) of this section, the
10 state board shall direct the division to withhold a maximum of ten percent
11 (10%) of the monthly distribution of state foundation funding aid to the
12 public school district or open-enrollment public charter school as provided
13 under § 6-20-2305(a)(1)(B).

14 (b) Once the state board determines that a
15 public school district or open-enrollment public charter school has complied
16 with this section, the division shall restore the monthly distribution of
17 state foundation funding aid to the public school district or open-enrollment
18 public charter school to its original amount before the reduction was made
19 under subdivision (i)(3)(B)(ii)(a) of this section.

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