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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1533

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT ACT; TO
10 EXCLUDE CERTAIN STUDENTS FROM INCLUSION IN A SCHOOL'S
11 DROP OUT RATE FOR PURPOSES OF A SCHOOL PERFORMANCE
12 REPORT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN STUDENTS FROM
16 INCLUSION IN A SCHOOL'S DROP OUT RATE FOR
17 PURPOSES OF A SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT.
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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 § 6-15-1402(b)(3), concerning the contents of
24 a school performance report required under the School Performance Report Act,
25 is amended to read as follows:

26 (3) The school performance report for middle schools, junior
27 high schools, and high schools shall:

28 (A) Include three-year trend data and allow parents or
29 guardians to compare the school's performance with state and national
30 averages in areas which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

31 (i) School safety;

32 (ii) Statewide student assessment results;

33 (iii) Licensed staff qualifications;

34 (iv) Per-pupil spending;

35 (v) Assessment of the local taxpayer investment in

36 the school district;



1 (vi) Percentage of students eligible to receive free
 2 or reduced-price meals;

3 (vii) Average salary of the staff;

4 (viii) Average attendance rates for students;

5 (ix)(a) Drop-out rate.

6 (b) For purposes of subdivision

7 (b)(3)(A)(ix)(a) of this section, the following students shall not be counted
 8 as a drop out:

9 (1) A student who passes a General
 10 Education Development (GED) test; or

11 (2) A student in grades nine through
 12 twelve (9-12) who transfers from a public school to a home school, private
 13 school, or parochial school;

14 (x) Graduation or completion rates;

15 (xi) College remediation rate for high schools only;

16 and

17 (xii) Collegiate admission test results, including
 18 the total number of students in grades nine through eleven (9-11) who took
 19 the ACT or SAT; and

20 (B) Indicate separately whether:

21 (i) The school distributed the school's student
 22 discipline policy to parents;

23 (ii) The school's teachers, administrators,
 24 classified school employees, and volunteers have been provided with
 25 appropriate student discipline training;

26 (iii) The school district has adopted a parental
 27 involvement plan in compliance with § 6-15-1702; and

28 (iv) The school district provides college
 29 preparation and remediation for students who have taken the ACT before their
 30 senior year of high school under the Universal ACT Assessment Program Act, §
 31 6-18-1601 et seq.

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 34 **APPROVED: 3/30/23**