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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1048

"AN ACT TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE RISING JUNIOR TEST."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1048.

Amend House Bill No. 1048 as originally introduced:

Add Senator Mahony as a co-sponsor

AND

Page 1, delete lines 9 and 10, and substitute the following:
"AN ACT TO AMEND THE RISING JUNIOR TEST REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "

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Page 1, delete lines 13 and 14, and substitute the following:
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AND

Delete everything following the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-61-114 is amended to read as follows:
6-61-114. Standardized rising junior test - Annual report.

~~(a)(1) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board is hereby directed to work with the public colleges and universities to develop or adopt a single standardized test~~ Until such time as the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves other assessment exams to be used by Arkansas colleges and universities, the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency exam, known as the "rising junior exam", shall be the required exam to be taken by all Arkansas public college and university students at the end of the sophomore year to evaluate student learning in the general education curriculum established under § 6-61-218, the results of which shall be evaluated in light of each institution's mission and goals.

(2)(A) On or before the October 2001 meeting of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Department of Higher Education shall recommend to the board criteria and guidelines to use when considering the

adequacy of other assessment exams proposed for use at Arkansas public colleges and universities in lieu of the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency exam.

(B) The criteria and guidelines proposed by the Department of Higher Education shall be developed in consultation the Executive Council of the Presidents Council.

(3) After receiving the recommendation of the department, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall promulgate rules and set guidelines for approving alternative exams for use by Arkansas public colleges and universities in lieu of the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency exam and shall provide the guidelines to the Arkansas public colleges and universities.

(4) After the board has adopted rules and guidelines, public colleges and universities may request approval of other assessment exams to be taken by that institution's students at the end of the sophomore year to evaluate student learning in the general education curriculum established under § 6-61-218, the results of which shall be evaluated in light of each institution's mission and goals.

(b) This Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, the "rising junior test" shall be given annually by all public colleges and universities in Arkansas, with the first statewide administration to take place by the end of the 1994-1995 academic year.

(c) The board, after consultation with the public colleges and universities, is hereby authorized to adopt policies and procedures to implement this section.

(d) These policies and procedures shall be implemented by the public colleges and universities as a condition of receiving state funds.

(e)(1) The board shall report the statewide test results on an annual basis to the Senate and House Interim Committees on Education.

(2) The board shall provide a status report regarding approval of alternate exams as set forth in subsection (a) of this section to the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education on or before December 31, 2002. "

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative Judy

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Chief Clerk