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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2301

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DEVELOP A
COMPREHENSIVE ACADEMIC CONTENT STANDARDS AND CURRICULUM
FRAMEWORKS PLAN FOR CONSISTENCY IN COURSE WORK OFFERED BY LOCAL
SCHOOL DISTRICTS."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2301.

Amend House Bill No. 2301 as engrossed, H3/19/01:

Delete everything following the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. (a) The State Board of Education shall develop a plan to be known as the "Comprehensive Plan for Consistency and Rigor in Course Work".

(b)(1) The Comprehensive Plan for Consistency and Rigor in Course Work shall be designed to ensure that every public school student has the opportunity to learn rigorous and challenging course work by eliminating low level, general education tracts offered by local public school districts in grades nine through twelve (9-12).

(2) The Comprehensive Plan for Consistency and Rigor in Course Work may include a provision for standardizing students' transcripts.

(3)(A) The Comprehensive Plan for Consistency and Rigor in Course Work shall require that all academic subject area courses offered by local public school districts in grades nine through twelve (9-12) are to be aligned with the Arkansas Curriculum Frameworks in all academic subject matter areas.

(B) These frameworks, developed by the Department of Education, require student demonstration of the rigorous knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in the state's institutions of post-secondary education or to enter the workforce.

(c) The State Board of Education shall review the Comprehensive Plan for Consistency and Rigor in Course Work and revise as necessary based on the five-year cycle for school improvement plans required by the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program.

(d) The superintendent of each school district shall provide to the Department of Education, by October 1, 2002, and each year thereafter on that date, a written statement of assurance that the content of each academic subject area course in grades nine through twelve (9-12) is aligned to Arkansas Curriculum Frameworks developed by the Department of Education and

required in the Comprehensive Plan for Consistency and Rigor in Course Work under subsection (b) of this section.

(e) The Department of Education shall monitor compliance with the requirements of this act during the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools review visit and during the school improvement planning process as defined by the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program.

(f) If the Department of Education determines that a school district has failed to align the academic subject area content of any academic course in grades nine through twelve (9-12) to the Arkansas Curriculum Frameworks in any school containing a combination of these grades, the Department of Education shall cite the noncompliance of each school on the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools Annual Report for the school and shall file a noncompliance notation on the school's performance report under § 6-15-1402.

(g) The State Board of Education shall promulgate appropriate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the requirements of this act.

(h) Nothing in the requirements of this act which targets academic subject area courses in grades nine through twelve (9-12) shall be construed to mean that public school districts are not to be held accountable for aligning the curriculum in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12) to the Arkansas Curriculum Frameworks for all subject matter areas."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

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Secretary