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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 942

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO
COMPARE A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S STUDENT GRADE POINT AVERAGES WITH
STUDENT ACT AND ACTAP SCORES."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 942.

Amend Senate Bill No. 942 as originally introduced:

Delete everything following the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. (a) The Department of Education shall develop specific criteria, based on generally accepted statistical procedures, for evaluating the association of high school grade point averages and standardized test scores for all students participating in the American College Test and the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing Assessment and Accountability Program's end-of-course algebra, geometry and literacy exams.

(b) Any school identified by the Department of Education as having statistically significant variance between grade point average and students performance on the aforementioned exams shall be notified in writing no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the determination.

(c)(1) The report shall be reviewed as a regular agenda item by the local school district board of directors no later than the second regularly scheduled meeting following receipt of the report by the school.

(2)(A) The superintendent of the school district shall file with the local school board a written explanation with proposed actions to remedy the situation.

(B) Copies of the superintendent's written explanation shall also be filed with the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education and the Department of Education.

(3) The Department of Education shall, to the extent practicable, send a representative to appear in person at the board meeting to explain the report.

(d) A copy of all reports sent to a school shall be filed with the House and Senate Interim Education Committees no later than ninety (90) calendar days after the school has been notified."

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

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