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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1047

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6 By: Representative Carnine

7 Filed with: Interim House Committee on Education  
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

## 9 For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO INCREASE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
11 REPORTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### 12 13 14 Subtitle

15 TO INCREASE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL  
16 DISTRICT REPORTS.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-11-129 is amended to read as follows:  
22 6-11-129. Data to be accessible on website.

23 (a)(1)(A) Effective September 1, 2014, a school district or public  
24 charter school shall maintain a website and post on the website a link to the Department of  
25 Education's website with:

26 (i) All information or reports identified in this  
27 section; and

28 (ii) Any other information not protected by state or federal law or  
29 regulation or report the school district or public charter school is required by  
30 law or rule to report, file, submit, or otherwise provide to:

31 (a) The General Assembly;

32 (b) The Department of Education; or

33 (c) The Department of Higher Education.

34 (B) This section does not remove a school district's or  
35 public charter school's obligation under law or rule to report, file, submit,  
36 or otherwise provide the information.

1           (2) The State Board of Education shall cite a school district's  
2 failure to comply with this section as a violation of the Standards for  
3 Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.

4           (b)(1) Each A school district shall make the following information and  
5 data easily ~~identified~~ identifiable on its website or the website of the  
6 school district's education service cooperative, if the education service  
7 cooperative maintains the school district's website:

8                   (A) Current comprehensive financial data reports for the  
9 school ~~districts~~ district, including:

- 10                               (i) Local and state revenue sources;
- 11                               (ii) Administrator and teacher salary and benefit  
12 expenditure data;
- 13                               (iii) School district balances, including legal  
14 balances and building fund balances;
- 15                               (iv) Minutes of regular and special meetings of the  
16 school district board of directors;
- 17                               (v) The school district budget for the ensuing year,  
18 which shall be posted on the website within thirty (30) days following the  
19 date required to be submitted to the Department of Education;
- 20                               (vi) A financial breakdown of monthly expenses of  
21 the school district;
- 22                               (vii) Salary schedules for all school district  
23 employees, including extended contract and supplementary pay amounts;
- 24                               (viii) Current contract information with all school  
25 district employees, except that social security numbers, telephone numbers,  
26 personal addresses, or signatures shall not be published;
- 27                               (ix) The annual budget of the school district; and
- 28                               (x) The annual school district statistical report;
- 29                               and

30                   (B) ~~Each~~ The school district's personnel policies required  
31 under § 6-17-201 et seq.; and

32                   (C) Effective September 1, 2014, to the extent not already  
33 published on the school district's website under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this  
34 section, the information and all electronic reports a school district is required to provide under the rules of the State  
35 Board of Education or by law.

36           ~~(2)(c)(1) Information~~ The information and data required to be made

1 available and easily accessible on the school district’s website under  
2 subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section shall be are the actual data for the  
3 two (2) previous school years and the projected budgeted information for the  
4 current school year.

5 (2) The information or data identified under subdivisions  
6 (b)(1)(B) and (C) and subsection (c) of this section are the most current  
7 information or data required to be reported, filed, submitted, or otherwise  
8 provided by law or rule.

9 ~~(b)(d)~~ The department shall make the information and data required by  
10 this section available and easily accessible on the department’s website by  
11 including direct links to the websites of all Arkansas school districts and  
12 of the education service cooperatives that maintain school district websites.  
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14 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1017(c), concerning the programs and  
15 services of education service cooperatives, is amended to read as follows:

16 (c) ~~Education~~ An education service ~~cooperatives~~ cooperative may:

17 (1) provide Provide shared educational programs and services  
18 such as needs assessment and school improvement planning, staff development,  
19 curriculum development, itinerant teachers, instructional materials, adult  
20 and vocational education, programs for gifted and talented, education for  
21 children with disabilities, alternative educational programs, secondary area  
22 vocational centers, and community-based education programs;

23 (2) Maintain the website of a school district served by the  
24 education service cooperative; and

25 (3) Provide other services which the State Board of Education  
26 may approve or which school districts may support with local funds.

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30 Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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