

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2007-166

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2 State of Arkansas
3 86th General Assembly
4 Regular Session, 2007

A Bill

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SENATE BILL

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6 By: Senators Argue, Bisbee, Baker, J. Jeffress, Bryles, Hendren, Broadway, G. Jeffress

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8 Filed with: Senate Education Committee
9 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

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11 A PROPOSAL IN CONCORDANCE WITH THE 2006 ACT 57
12 STUDY; REQUESTING THE SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON
13 EDUCATION AND THE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON
14 EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE WHAT
15 SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN AN EXEMPLARY STATEWIDE
16 TEACHER SUPPORT SYSTEM; TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT
17 OF EDUCATION TO PREPARE A PLAN FOR AN EXEMPLARY
18 STATEWIDE TEACHER SUPPORT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER
19 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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22 A PROPOSAL TO STUDY WHAT SHOULD BE
23 INCLUDED IN AN EXEMPLARY STATEWIDE
24 TEACHER SUPPORT SYSTEM.
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28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. ACT 57 COMPLIANCE.

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30 The General Assembly declares this proposal to be in concordance with
31 the study of the state's system of public education conducted in 2006 by the
32 Adequacy Study Oversight Subcommittee, the Senate Interim Committee on
33 Education, and the House Interim Committee on Education in compliance with
34 Act 57 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2003.
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SECTION 2. PROPOSAL FOR STUDY.

(a) The General Assembly finds:

(1) That a major factor in teacher retention is the need for improved support for teachers in the areas of instructional strategies and curriculum development for teachers;

(2) That a teacher support system should provide support to teachers as they develop more knowledge and skills in the use of data and instructional strategies and should focus the training resources of the higher education system toward development of the same needed skills for teachers; and

(3) Additional time is needed to conduct a study to determine the essential components of an exemplary teacher support system and to implement that system statewide.

(b) The Senate Interim Committee on Education and the House Interim Committee on Education in conjunction with the Department of Education shall conduct a study to determine what should be considered in developing an Arkansas Teacher Support System that is an exemplary statewide system incorporating under one umbrella:

- (1) A center for professional development;
- (2) Formative assessments;
- (3) Teacher compensation issues;
- (4) Higher education teacher preparation programs;
- (5) School and district leadership development;
- (6) Strategies for using instructional facilitators or coaches;

and

- (7) Mentoring recommendations.

(c) The department shall report its plan for the design and implementation of the Arkansas Teacher Support System to the Senate Interim Committee on Education and the House Interim Committee on Education by May 1, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

1 Senator Jim Argue

2 District 32

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