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A Bill

SENATE BILL 367

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARK. CODE 6-15-407 TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN A
9 STUDENT FAILS THE OUTCOME-BASED ASSESSMENT EXAMINATION
10 THAT THE STUDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA SHALL REFLECT THE
11 FAILURE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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18 SHALL REFLECT THE FAILURE."

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

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-15-407(a) is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 "(a)(1) Beginning with the 1996-97 school year, all public school
25 students must successfully complete an outcome-based assessment examination.

26 (2) The Director of the General Education Division of the
27 Arkansas Department of Education shall have the authority, through rules and
28 regulations, to extend the deadline by which students must successfully
29 complete such examination.

30 (3) For each student for which the outcome-based assessment
31 examination appropriately measures the student's abilities and for those
32 students who fail to successfully complete the examination, the student's
33 high school diploma shall reflect the failure or the student shall receive a
34 certificate of completion in lieu of a diploma.

35 (4) However, all school districts must administer the

1 examination beginning with the 1996-97 school year."

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3 SECTION 2. (a) The State Department of Education is directed to
4 compile data, statistical information, and a review of litigation from other
5 states in regard to outcome-based assessment examinations administered as a
6 requirement for high school graduation.

7 (b) The department shall report all findings to the Joint Interim
8 Committee on Education no later than September 1, 1996.

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10 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
11 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
12 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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14 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
15 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
16 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
17 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
18 act are declared to be severable.

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20 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
21 hereby repealed.

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/s/Boozman

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