

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
2 81st General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1997

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2241

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5 By: Representative Bisbee

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM FOR THE STUDY, REVIEW, AND FORMAL
10 EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
11 ESTABLISHED BY LAW AND ADMINISTERED BY THE ARKANSAS
12 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

15 "TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM FOR REVIEW OF
16 INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS IN THE PUBLIC
17 SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED BY LAW AND
18 ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
19 EDUCATION."

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

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

24 The General Assembly finds and acknowledges that a system of evaluation
25 is needed to justify expenditure of state resources on effective instructional
26 programs and to eliminate state funding of ineffective instructional programs.
27 The General Assembly further finds that an evaluation system to examine
28 instructional programs administered by the Arkansas Department of Education
29 must be implemented by the Director of the Arkansas Department of Education,
30 General Division, in order to make a recommendation regarding continuation or
31 termination of any mandated instructional program administered by the
32 Department of Education.

SECTION 2. Procedures.

35 (a) Beginning in 1997-98 and each year thereafter, the Program
36 Performance Audit of these instructional programs enacted by the Legislature

1 shall determine whether the continuation of such instructional programs is
2 justified.

3 (b) Each instructional program administered by the Department of
4 Education shall be formally reviewed by a Program Performance Audit every four
5 (4) years to evaluate purposes, activities, duties, accomplishments and
6 resources required to implement the program.

7 (c) Upon completion of the Program Performance Audits, the Director of
8 the Arkansas Department of Education shall make a recommendation to the
9 Legislature regarding the continuation or termination of any program enacted
10 by legislative action.

11 (d) The Program Performance Audit shall include:

12 (1) Extent to which the instructional program has served the
13 original purpose of the legislation;

14 (2) Extent to which the instructional program has complied with
15 all laws, rules and regulations defining its powers and duties;

16 (3) Extent to which operations of the instructional program have
17 been impeded or enhanced by available resources;

18 (4) Any formal critique filed regarding the instructional
19 program;

20 (5) Recognition by professional organizations regarding the
21 effectiveness of the instructional program;

22 (6) Statistical analysis of the instructional program regarding
23 the populations served, costs of program, staff requirements, and improved
24 student achievement;

25 (7) Justification for the continued existence or termination of
26 the instructional program.

27 (e) A written evaluation report on each mandated instructional program
28 which includes the formal recommendation will be provided to the Legislature.

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

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34 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
35 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
36 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without

1 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
2 act are declared to be severable.

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

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