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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1643

By: Representative Ferrell

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6, CHAPTER 15, SUBCHAPTER 10, TO ADD A NEW SECTION TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO *DEVELOP MODEL LEARNING* STANDARDS FOR THE BASIC CORE OF EDUCATION KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

"TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO *DEVELOP MODEL LEARNING* STANDARDS FOR THE BASIC CORE OF EDUCATION KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 10 is amended by adding the following new section to be appropriately numbered by the Arkansas Code Revision Commission:

"*Model Learning* standards in the basic core of knowledge and skills."

(a) The Department of Education shall identify the learning standards needed in the basic core of knowledge and skills as required of students in the public schools by Arkansas Code § 6-15-1003.

(b) The Department of Education shall, beginning with the 2000-2001 school year, develop the learning standards into a model format and issue the model standards in pamphlet form describing the standards to the basic core of knowledge and skills in kindergarten through Grade 8. The model shall be prepared for each grade level. The Department shall develop model learning standards for the common core required for graduation in Grades 9 to 12 and

1 shall prepare it in pamphlet format for the high school level.

2 (c) The Department shall make the model standards available to every
3 school district in Arkansas.

4 (d) Local school districts shall prepare a report in pamphlet form
5 describing the basic core of knowledge and skills prescribed for the schools
6 in their districts and publish it in enough quantity for all students. A
7 report shall be prepared for each Grade K through 8. A report for the common
8 core required for graduation from high school shall also be prepared by the
9 local school district for parents of high school students.

10 (e) Local school districts shall distribute the pamphlets to every
11 parent and guardian of a child in Grades K through 12 in the public schools of
12 Arkansas."

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14 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
15 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
16 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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18 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
19 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
20 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
21 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
22 act are declared to be severable.

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

26 /s/ Ferrell
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