

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.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1048

5 By: Representative Judy
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE RISING JUNIOR TEST
11 REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-61-114 is amended to read as follows:

21 6-61-114. Standardized rising junior test - Annual report.

22 (a) (1) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board is hereby
23 directed to work with the public colleges and universities to develop or adopt
24 a single standardized test Until such time as the Arkansas Higher Education
25 Coordinating Board approves other assessment processes or exams to be used by
26 Arkansas colleges and universities, the Collegiate Assessment of Academic
27 Proficiency exam, known as the "rising junior exam", shall be the required
28 exam to be taken by all Arkansas public college and university students at the
29 end of the sophomore year to evaluate student learning in the general
30 education curriculum established under § 6-61-218, the results of which shall
31 be evaluated in light of each institution's mission and goals.

32 (2)(A) On or before the October 2001 meeting of the Arkansas
33 Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Department of Higher Education shall
34 recommend to the board criteria and guidelines to use when considering the
35 adequacy of other assessment processes or exams proposed for use at Arkansas
36 public colleges and universities in lieu of the Collegiate Assessment of

1 Academic Proficiency exam.

2 (B) The criteria and guidelines proposed by the Department
3 of Higher Education shall be developed in consultation the Executive Council
4 of the Presidents Council.

5 (3) After receiving the recommendation of the department, the
6 Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall promulgate rules and set
7 guidelines for approving alternative processes or exams for use by Arkansas
8 public colleges and universities in lieu of the Collegiate Assessment of
9 Academic Proficiency exam and shall provide the guidelines to the Arkansas
10 public colleges and universities.

11 (4) After the board has adopted rules and guidelines, public
12 colleges and universities may request approval of other assessment processes
13 or exams to be taken by that institution's students or used by the institution
14 at the end of the sophomore year to evaluate student learning in the general
15 education curriculum established under § 6-61-218, the results of which shall
16 be evaluated in light of each institution's mission and goals.

17 (b) ~~This~~ Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, the
18 "rising junior test" shall be given annually by all public colleges and
19 universities in Arkansas, with the first statewide administration to take
20 place by the end of the 1994-1995 academic year.

21 (c) The board, after consultation with the public colleges and
22 universities, is hereby authorized to adopt policies and procedures to
23 implement this section.

24 (d) These policies and procedures shall be implemented by the public
25 colleges and universities as a condition of receiving state funds.

26 (e)(1) The board shall report the statewide test results on an annual
27 basis to the Senate and House Interim Committees on Education.

28 (2) The board shall provide a status report regarding approval of
29 alternative processes or exams as set forth in subsection (a) of this section
30 to the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education on or before December
31 31, 2002.

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33 /s/ Judy
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