

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 2813

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5 By: Representative Sumpter
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN STATE-MANDATED
10 ASSESSMENTS FOR STUDENTS ARE PRINTED AND SCORED
11 IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN STATE-
14 MANDATED ASSESSMENTS FOR STUDENTS ARE
15 PRINTED AND SCORED IN THE STATE OF
16 ARKANSAS.
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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 § 6-15-403 is amended to read as follows:
23 6-15-403. Authority of State Board of Education.

24 (a) The State Board of Education through the Department of Education
25 shall:

26 (1) Develop a single comprehensive testing, assessment, and
27 accountability program which utilizes the most current and effective testing,
28 evaluation, and assessment research information designed to achieve the
29 following purposes set forth in this subchapter:

30 (A) Set clear academic standards that are periodically
31 reviewed and revised;

32 (B) Establish professional development;

33 (C) Establish expected achievement levels;

34 (D) Report on student achievement and other indicators;

35 (E) Provide evaluation data;

36 (F) Recognize academic excellence and failure;



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(G) Apply awards and sanctions; and

(H) Comply with current federal and state law and state board rules and regulations;

(2) Promulgate rules and regulations as may be necessary to develop and implement the comprehensive testing, assessment, and accountability program;

(3) Employ staff and enter into contracts as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this subchapter; and

(4) Classify school services, designate the licensure subject areas, establish competencies, including the use of technology to enhance student learning, and licensure requirements for all school-based personnel, and prescribe rules in accordance with initial, standard, and provisional licenses;

(5) Identify critical teacher shortage areas; and

(6) Collect and maintain the management information databases for all components of the public kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) education system.

(b) To decrease the delay in receiving test scores and to ensure greater confidentiality of test material and test scores, the State Board of Education shall contract with an entity of which the primary place of business is located in the State of Arkansas to print and score any criterion-referenced assessments or augmented assessments required by the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program, specifically including benchmark exams and end-of-course assessments.