

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

SENATE BILL 939

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5 By: Senator Bryles
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
10 EVALUATE THE SERVICES DELIVERED BY SUPPLEMENTAL
11 EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS BASED UPON SPECIFIED
12 DATA SUBMITTED ANNUALLY BY SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION
13 SERVICE PROVIDERS TO THE DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC
14 SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Subtitle

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19 SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION SERVICE
20 PROVIDERS.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 1 is amended
26 to add an additional section to read as follows:

27 6-15-103. Supplemental education services.

28 (a) As used in this section:

29 (1) "Data" means evidence of fidelity between the supplemental
30 education services program as enacted and its application, as evidenced by:

31 (A) Frequency of reports of student progress;

32 (B) State, district, or other independent, valid, and
33 reliable performance tests that demonstrate a positive impact of the
34 supplemental education services provided on student achievement;

35 (C) Local measure of school grades that demonstrates a
36 positive impact of the supplemental education services provided on student



1 performance;

2 (D) Five (5) to ten (10) letters of reference that include
3 testimony from students and parents on the positive impact of the
4 supplemental education services provided;

5 (E) Student attendance at supplemental education services
6 delivered by the supplemental education services provider; and

7 (F) Additional evidence of improved student outcomes as
8 measured by:

9 (i) Attendance;

10 (ii) Retention and promotion rates;

11 (iii) Graduation rates; or

12 (iv) Student behavior and discipline;

13 (2) "Eligible students" means students from low-income families
14 who attend public schools that receive Title I funds and that are in the
15 second year of school improvement.

16 (3) "Supplemental education services" means additional academic
17 interventions, including tutoring and remediation that:

18 (A) Take place outside the regular school day;

19 (B) Are consistent with the school's content and
20 curriculum;

21 (C) Are aligned with the state's academic standards; and

22 (D) Are designed to increase the academic achievement of
23 students in need of improvement;

24 (4) "Supplemental education services provider" means a
25 financially sound non-profit or for-profit entity or public school district
26 that:

27 (A) Has been approved by the Department of Education as
28 having a demonstrated record of effectiveness in increasing student academic
29 achievement; and

30 (B) Is capable of providing supplemental education
31 services consistent with the instructional program of the public school
32 district and the state's academic standards;

33 (b) Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, each supplemental
34 education services provider shall be required to submit data annually to the
35 Department of Education and the public school district.

36 (c) A supplemental education services provider who fails to submit

1 data at the conclusion of a school year shall be removed from the list of
2 approved supplemental education services providers pending receipt of that
3 data by the department.

4 (d) Prior to the conclusion of the 2007-2008 school year, the
5 department shall develop and implement a system to evaluate the effectiveness
6 of supplemental education services providers.

7 (e) Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, based upon the data
8 received from the supplemental education services provider and verified by
9 the public school district the supplemental education services provider
10 serves, the department shall perform an annual evaluation of the data
11 provided pursuant to subsection (b) of this section concerning the services
12 delivered to each public school district served by the supplemental education
13 services provider during the previous school year.

14 (f) If for two (2) consecutive years a supplemental education services
15 provider does not demonstrate the delivery of high-quality and effective
16 supplemental education services, as measured by the data submitted under
17 subsection (b) of this section, the supplemental education services provider
18 shall be removed from the list of approved supplemental education services
19 providers maintained by the department.

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