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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PERFORMANCE RATINGS FOR EDUCATION
11 SERVICE COOPERATIVES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO ESTABLISH PERFORMANCE RATINGS FOR
15 EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVES.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1021(a)-(d), concerning education
22 service cooperative evaluations, is amended to read as follows:

23 6-13-1021. Evaluations ~~-- Performance rating.~~

24 (a) ~~Within~~ Each education service cooperative shall be evaluated
25 during the 2012-2013 school year and at least once within each five-year
26 period, on a schedule established by the Commissioner of Education, all
27 active education service cooperatives must be visited by an evaluation
28 committee of not more than nine (9) persons.

29 (b)(1)(A) Each evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, an
30 investigation of user satisfaction, service adequacy, extent of local
31 financial support, staff qualifications, and performance and administration
32 effectiveness.

33 (B) The final evaluation, including any self-evaluation,
34 shall be included in the annual report to the Department of Education, § 6-
35 13-1020, and made available on the website of the education service
36 cooperative.



1 (2)(A) The evaluation criteria shall be developed
2 collaboratively between the Department of Education and the directors of each
3 education service cooperative.

4 (B) The evaluation criteria shall be fully implemented by
5 September 1, 2012.

6 (c)(1) The report of this committee shall be filed with the education
7 service cooperative visited, with its constituent school districts, and with
8 the State Board of Education.

9 (2) The state board shall acknowledge receipt of the report and
10 comment on any deficiencies identified in the report that should be corrected
11 for the education service cooperative to remain eligible for base funding.

12 (3) The report shall identify each education service cooperative
13 as being in one (1) of the following category levels, based on the
14 evaluation:

15 (A) "Level 5", education service cooperative of
16 excellence;

17 (B) "Level 4", education service cooperative exceeding
18 standards;

19 (C) "Level 3", education service cooperative meeting
20 standards;

21 (D) "Level 2", education service cooperative on alert; or

22 (E) "Level 1", education service cooperative in need of
23 immediate improvement.

24 (d)(1) The intent of this evaluation procedure is to provide a means
25 for school districts to express their concerns about the operation of their
26 education service cooperative and to ensure that each education service
27 cooperative remains alert and responsive to the needs of the local schools it
28 serves.

29 (2) For all education service cooperatives that receive a
30 performance category level of level 1 for two (2) consecutive years, the
31 department shall:

32 (A) Withhold base funding to the education service
33 cooperative; or

34 (B) Take over administration of the education service
35 cooperative.

36 (e) The Department of Education shall promulgate rules necessary for

1 implementing this section.

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