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A Bill

SENATE BILL 436

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TO SUBMIT
9 PERIODIC REPORTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

13 TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TO
14 SUBMIT PERIODIC REPORTS.

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

19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 23, Subchapter 1 is amended
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 6-23-107. Reporting requirements.

22 (a) Within ten (10) calendar days of the close of the first quarter of
23 each school year, a public charter school shall submit a written report to
24 the Department of Education that contains the following information for the
25 current school year:

26 (1) The number of applications for enrollment received;

27 (2) The number of applicants with a disability identified under
28 the Individuals with Disabilities Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.; and

29 (3) The number of applications for enrollment the public charter
30 school denied and an explanation of the reason for each denial.

31 (b) Within ten (10) calendar days of the close of the fourth quarter
32 of each school year, a public charter school shall submit a written report to
33 the department that contains the following information for the current school
34 year:

35 (1) The number of students in each of the following categories:

36 (A) Students who dropped out of the public charter school



1 during the school year;

2 (B) Students who were expelled during the school year by
3 the public charter school; and

4 (C) Students who were enrolled in the public charter
5 school but for a reason other than those cited in subdivisions (b)(1)(A) and
6 (B) did not complete the school year at the public charter school; and

7 (2)(A) For all students enrolled in the public charter school,
8 the scores for assessments required under the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing,
9 Assessment, and Accountability Program Act, § 6-15-401 et seq., including
10 without limitation benchmark assessments and end-of-course assessments.

11 (B) If there is any discrepancy in the number of students
12 for whom scores are reported under this subdivision (b)(2) and the number of
13 students enrolled at the beginning of the school year, the public charter
14 school shall explain in the report the reason for the discrepancy.

15 (c) The department shall not exempt a public charter school from the
16 reporting required under this section.

17 (d) The department shall publish a copy of each report on the
18 department's website.

19 (e) If a public charter school fails to comply with this section, the
20 department shall note the failure in the annual evaluation of the public
21 charter school.

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23 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-23-404(b), concerning the annual
24 evaluation of open-enrollment public charter schools, is amended to read as
25 follows:

26 (b) An annual evaluation shall include, ~~but not be limited to,~~ without
27 limitation consideration of:

28 (1) Student scores under the statewide assessment program
29 described in § 6-15-433;

30 (2) Student attendance;

31 (3) Student grades;

32 (4) Incidents involving student discipline;

33 (5) Socioeconomic data on students' families;

34 (6) Parental satisfaction with the schools; ~~and~~

35 (7) Student satisfaction with the schools; and

36 (8) The open-enrollment public charter school's compliance with

1 § 6-23-107.

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3 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-23-601(e)(1), concerning the annual
4 evaluation of a limited public charter school, is amended to read as follows:

5 (e)(1) Limited public charter schools shall be evaluated annually by
6 the department based on criteria approved by the state board, ~~including, but~~
7 ~~not limited to,~~ including without limitation:

8 (A) student ~~Student~~ performance data in order to determine
9 progress in student achievement that has been achieved by the limited public
10 charter school; and

11 (B) The limited public charter school's compliance with §
12 6-23-107.