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A Bill

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5 By: Representative Word
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE VOLUNTARY UNIVERSAL ACT
9 ASSESSMENT PROGRAM ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

11 TO AMEND THE VOLUNTARY UNIVERSAL ACT
12 ASSESSMENT PROGRAM ACT.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-1601 is amended to read as follows:
20 6-18-1601. Title.

21 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "~~Voluntary~~
22 Universal ACT Assessment Program Act".
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24 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-1602, concerning the definition of
25 "Smart Core", is amended to read as follows:

26 (2) "Smart Core" means ~~the required curriculum that is part of~~
27 ~~Smart Future, a state initiative focused on improving Arkansas public schools~~
28 ~~for all students so they are prepared for life beyond graduation;~~

29 (A) The college and career readiness curriculum by that
30 name under the rules of the State Board of Education; or

31 (B) A college and career readiness curriculum that is:
32 (i) Established by rules of the state board in
33 coordination with the Department of Higher Education; and

34 (ii) Substituted for the curriculum named "Smart
35 Core".
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1 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-18-1603 is amended to read as follows:
 2 6-18-1603. Creation.

3 There is created in the Department of Education the ~~Voluntary~~ Universal
 4 ACT Assessment Program to be developed, implemented, and administered by the
 5 department as provided in this subchapter.

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 7 SECTION 4. The introductory language of Arkansas Code § 6-18-1604 is
 8 amended to read as follows:

9 The purpose of the ~~Voluntary~~ Universal ACT Assessment Program is to:

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 11 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-18-1606 is amended to read as follows:
 12 6-18-1606. Implementation.

13 Beginning with the ~~2008-2009~~ 2014-2015 school year, the ~~Voluntary~~
 14 Universal ACT Assessment Program ~~may provide~~ shall require each student in
 15 grade eleven (11) ~~with the opportunity~~ to take the ACT Assessment while in
 16 grade eleven (11) without any charge by using school district funding,
 17 including National School Lunch Act funds, to pay for the exams as approved
 18 by the Department of Education.