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A Bill

SENATE BILL 752

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CLARIFY FOR PARENTS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
9 RATING SYSTEM ON ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARDS; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO CLARIFY FOR PARENTS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
14 RATING SYSTEM ON ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT
15 CARDS.
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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 § 6-15-2105(b), concerning school rating
22 system reports, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as
23 follows:

24 (3) The report required under this section shall identify the
25 levels of improvement and performance on the report as:

26 (A) "A" for schools that are rated "exemplary" by the
27 Department of Education, Level 5 under § 6-15-2102, or Level 5 under § 6-15-
28 2103;

29 (B) "B" for schools that are rated "achieving" by the
30 department, Level 4 under § 6-15-2102, or Level 4 under § 6-15-2103;

31 (C) "C" for schools that are rated "needs improvement" by
32 the department, Level 3 under § 6-15-2102, or Level 3 under § 6-15-2103;

33 (D) "D" for schools that are rated "needs improvement -
34 focus" by the department, Level 2 under § 6-15-2102, or Level 2 under § 6-15-
35 2103; and

36 (E) "F" for schools that are rated "needs improvement -



1 priority" by the department, Level 1 under § 6-15-2102, or Level 1 under § 6-
2 15-2103.

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4 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2106 is amended to read as follows:

5 6-15-2106. School rating system – ~~Improvement and performance category~~
6 ~~levels~~—Annual Rules.

7 (a) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules necessary to
8 implement this subchapter pursuant to the Arkansas Administrative Procedure
9 Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

10 (b) The state board may by rules adopted and reviewed under § 10-3-309
11 redesignate the levels of performance categories and improvement categories
12 under this subchapter to be consistent with:

13 (1) The Common Core State Standards;

14 (2) Assessments that correlate with those standards; and

15 (3) Rules adopted under the requirements of a law enacted by
16 Congress for general education, including without limitation the Elementary
17 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as reauthorized by the No Child Left
18 Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq., or any supplementary federal
19 regulations, directives, or decisions of the United States Department of
20 Education pertaining to that legislation.