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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 752

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

15 TO CLARIFY FOR PARENTS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
16 RATING SYSTEM ON ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT  
17 CARDS.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2105(b), concerning school rating  
23 system reports, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as  
24 follows:

25 (3) *Effective with the 2014-2015 school year, the report*  
26 required under this section shall identify the levels of improvement and  
27 performance on the report as:

28 (A) "A" for schools that are rated "exemplary" by the  
29 Department of Education, Level 5 under § 6-15-2102, or Level 5 under § 6-15-  
30 2103;

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

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

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



1 2103; and

2 (E) "F" for schools that are rated "needs improvement -  
3 priority" by the department, Level 1 under § 6-15-2102, or Level 1 under § 6-  
4 15-2103.

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

7 6-15-2106. School rating system – ~~Improvement and performance category~~  
8 ~~levels~~—Annual Rules.

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

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

15 (1) The Common Core State Standards;

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

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

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24 */s/J. Hendren*

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