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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1241

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5 By: Representatives Lowery, Bentley, Harris, Payton, Richmond

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO DELAY THE USE OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR
9 ASSESSMENT OF READINESS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS
10 (PARCC) ASSESSMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 TO DELAY THE USE OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR
15 ASSESSMENT OF READINESS FOR COLLEGE AND
16 CAREERS (PARCC) ASSESSMENT.

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

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21 *SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE.*

22 *(a)(1) The State Board of Education shall cease participation and its*
23 *role as a governing state with the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness*
24 *for College and Careers (PARCC) no later than May 31, 2015.*

25 *(2) The state board may not require the use of the PARCC*
26 *assessment or participate in a PARCC-related activity or event after May 31,*
27 *2015.*

28 *(b) Beginning June 1, 2015, neither the state board or the state*
29 *Department of Education shall provide access of any individually identifiable*
30 *student data collected at the state level to the federal Department of*
31 *Education, to any of the federal Department of Education's designated program*
32 *monitors, technical assistance providers, research partners, government*
33 *assistance organizations, to or auditors if the audit is required under 34*
34 *C.F.R. § 80.26, without the express written consent of the parent of legal*
35 *guardian of the student.*
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1 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
2 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there is substantial
3 controversy and questions regarding the assessments associated with the
4 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC); that
5 until more information and understanding about the assessments are gleaned,
6 the assessment program that was used during the 2012-2013 school year should
7 be used; and that this act is immediately necessary to ensure students are
8 assessed this current school year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to
9 exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the
10 public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

11 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

12 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
13 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
14 bill; or

15 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
16 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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18 /s/Lowery
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