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2 90th General Assembly

A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2015

HOUSE BILL 1241

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

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO DELAY THE USE OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR

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ASSESSMENT OF READINESS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS

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(PARCC) ASSESSMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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TO DELAY THE USE OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR

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ASSESSMENT OF READINESS FOR COLLEGE AND

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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 June 30, 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 June 30,
27 2015,

28 (3) This subsection does not prevent the Department of Education
29 from completing activities with PARCC in order to conclude the 2014-2015
30 PARCC assessment, including without limitation all activities related to the
31 scoring and reporting of the 2014-2015 PARCC assessment.

32 (b) Beginning June 1, 2015, neither the state board or the state
33 Department of Education shall provide access of any individually identifiable
34 student data collected at the state level to the federal Department of
35 Education, to any of the federal Department of Education's designated program
36 monitors, technical assistance providers, research partners, government



1 assistance organizations, to or auditors if the audit is required under 34
2 C.F.R. § 80.26, without the express written consent of the parent of legal
3 guardian of the student.

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5 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
6 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there is substantial
7 controversy and questions regarding the assessments associated with the
8 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC); that
9 until more information and understanding about the assessments are gleaned,
10 the assessment program that was used during the 2012-2013 school year should
11 be used; and that this act is immediately necessary to ensure students are
12 assessed this current school year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to
13 exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the
14 public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

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

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

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

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