

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H2/19/15 H2/27/15 H3/4/15
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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7 **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.

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13 **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 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 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)
11 should be discontinued after the 2014-2015 school year; and that this act is
12 immediately necessary to ensure students are assessed this current school
13 year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being
14 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and
15 safety shall become effective on:

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

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

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

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23 /s/Lowery
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