

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1859

5 By: Representative Murdock
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REPEAL ACT 1204 OF 2007; AND FOR OTHER
9 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

10 TO REPEAL ACT 1204 OF 2007.
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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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16 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 10-3-2102(f)-(j), concerning duties under*
17 *the Continuing Adequacy Evaluation Act of 2004, is repealed:*

18 ~~*(f) The study for subdivisions (a)(1)-(4) of this section shall be*~~
19 ~~*accomplished by:*~~

20 ~~*(1) Reviewing a report prepared by the Division of Legislative*~~
21 ~~*Audit compiling all funding received by public schools for each program;*~~

22 ~~*(2) Reviewing the curriculum frameworks developed by the*~~
23 ~~*Department of Education;*~~

24 ~~*(3) Reviewing the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and*~~
25 ~~*Accountability Program, § 6-15-401 et seq.;*~~

26 ~~*(4) Reviewing fiscal, academic, and facilities distress programs;*~~

27 ~~*(5) Reviewing the state's standing under the No Child Left Behind*~~
28 ~~*Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.;*~~

29 ~~*(6) Reviewing the Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan*~~
30 ~~*process; and*~~

31 ~~*(7) Reviewing the specific programs identified for further study*~~
32 ~~*by the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.*~~

33 ~~*(g)(1) The study for subdivision (a)(5) of this section shall be*~~
34 ~~*accomplished by comparing the average teacher salary in Arkansas with*~~
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1 ~~surrounding states and Southern Regional Education Board member states,~~
2 ~~including without limitation:~~

3 ~~(A) Comparing teacher salaries as adjusted by a cost of~~
4 ~~living index or a comparative wage index;~~

5 ~~(B) Reviewing the minimum teacher compensation salary~~
6 ~~schedule; and~~

7 ~~(C) Reviewing any related topics identified for further~~
8 ~~study by the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on~~
9 ~~Education.~~

10 ~~(2) Depending on the availability of National Education~~
11 ~~Association data on teacher salaries in other states, the teacher salary~~
12 ~~comparison may be prepared as a supplement to the report after September 1.~~

13 ~~(h) The study for subdivision (a)(6) of this section shall be~~
14 ~~accomplished by reviewing:~~

15 ~~(1) Expenditures from:~~

16 ~~(A) Isolated school funding;~~

17 ~~(B) National school lunch student funding;~~

18 ~~(C) Declining enrollment funding;~~

19 ~~(D) Student growth funding;~~

20 ~~(E) Special education funding;~~

21 ~~(2) Disparities in teacher salaries; and~~

22 ~~(3) Any related topics identified for further study by the House~~
23 ~~Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.~~

24 ~~(i) The study for subdivision (a)(7) of this section shall be~~
25 ~~accomplished by:~~

26 ~~(1) Completing an expenditure analysis and resource allocation~~
27 ~~review each biennium; and~~

28 ~~(2) Reviewing any related topics identified for further study by~~
29 ~~the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.~~

30 ~~(j) The study for subdivision (a)(8) of this section shall be~~
31 ~~accomplished by:~~

32 ~~(1) Using evidence based research as the basis for recalibrating~~
33 ~~as necessary the state's system of funding public education;~~

34 ~~(2) Adjusting for the inflation or deflation of any appropriate~~
35 ~~component of the system of funding public education every two (2) years;~~

36 ~~(3) Reviewing legislation enacted or rules promulgated during the~~

1 ~~biennium covered by the study to determine the impact of the legislation and~~
2 ~~rules on educational adequacy related public school costs; and~~

3 ~~(4) Reviewing any related topics identified for further study by the~~
4 ~~House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.~~

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6 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 10-3-2104(c), concerning a report under the
7 Continuing Adequacy Evaluation Act of 2004, is repealed.

8 ~~(e) The report shall be supplemented as needed to accomplish the~~
9 ~~purposes of this continuing evaluation.~~

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