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A Bill

SENATE BILL 226

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7 For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO EXPAND THE ARKANSAS COLLEGE AND CAREER
9 READINESS PLANNING PROGRAM BY ALLOWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
10 TO USE THE ASPIRE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM AS AN ALTERNATIVE
11 TO THE ACT EXPLORE AND ACT PLAN OR PSAT; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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14 Subtitle

15 TO EXPAND THE ARKANSAS COLLEGE AND CAREER
16 READINESS PLANNING PROGRAM BY ALLOWING
17 PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO USE THE ASPIRE
18 ASSESSMENT SYSTEM AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO
19 THE ACT EXPLORE AND ACT PLAN OR PSAT.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-441(b), concerning the Arkansas
26 College and Career Readiness Planning Program, is amended to read as follows:

27 (b)(1)(A) A public school shall either:

28 (i)(a) Administer the EXPLORE that serves students in
29 grade eight (8) shall administer EXPLORE to each student enrolled in grade
30 eight (8) at the public school~~, if any.~~

31 ~~(B) A public school that serves students in grade ten (10)~~
32 ~~shall administer PLAN or the PSAT~~ (b) Administer the PLAN or PSAT to each
33 student enrolled in grade ten (10) at the public school~~, if any; or~~

34 (ii) Administer the Aspire Assessment System to each
35 student at the appropriate grade level.

36 (2) Funding for the college and career readiness assessments



1 listed in subdivision (b)(1) of this section may be paid by using Department
2 of Education at-risk funding.

3 (3)(A) The department may designate alternative assessments other
4 than EXPLORE, PLAN, or PSAT, or Aspire Assessment System to satisfy the
5 purposes of this section.

6 (B) The alternative assessments may include without
7 limitation next-generation assessments as approved by the State Board of
8 Education.

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