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A Bill

SENATE BILL 374

5 By: Senators Elliott, L. Chesterfield
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
9 CONCERNING TESTING AND ASSESSMENTS USED IN PUBLIC
10 SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
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15 IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
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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.

22 (a) The purpose of this act is to amend provisions of the Arkansas
23 Code concerning testing and assessments used in public schools, including
24 placing an immediate moratorium on all statewide mandated tests except the
25 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers-developed
26 assessments, tests used to inform student placement or address student needs,
27 or assessments to help determine reading impediments.

28 (b) Additionally, the purpose of this act is to evaluate the statewide
29 testing and assessment system generally, including without limitation the:

30 (1) Efficacy of statewide testing requirements;

31 (2) Direct and indirect effects of testing requirements on
32 teaching and learning; and

33 (3) Consideration of referenced tests, including the best
34 practices of accountability for teaching and learning.
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