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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1540

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5 By: Representative Vaught
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STUDENT WHO REENTERS A PUBLIC
9 SCHOOL DISTRICT OR AN OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER
10 SCHOOL TO TAKE A GRADE-LEVEL PLACEMENT TEST FOR
11 PURPOSES OF DETERMINING THE GRADE LEVEL APPROPRIATE
12 FOR THE STUDENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TO REQUIRE A STUDENT WHO REENTERS A
17 PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OR AN OPEN-
18 ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TO TAKE
19 A GRADE-LEVEL PLACEMENT TEST FOR PURPOSES
20 OF DETERMINING THE GRADE LEVEL
21 APPROPRIATE FOR THE STUDENT.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 1, is amended
27 to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 6-18-114. Testing upon reentry in public school.

29 (a)(1) A student who leaves a public school district or open-
30 enrollment public charter school for at least one (1) year may reenter a
31 public school district or open-enrollment public charter school at the grade
32 level appropriate to the student's ability.

33 (2) The determination of a student's grade level under
34 subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall be based on the student's
35 performance on a grade-level placement test administered by the public school
36 district or open-enrollment public charter school.



1 (b) A student who reenters a public school district or open-enrollment
2 public charter school under this section shall not be placed in a grade that
3 is higher than the grade level associated with the student's age.
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