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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1540

5 By: Representative Vaught
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OR OPEN-
9 ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TO ADMINISTER A
10 GRADE-LEVEL PLACEMENT TEST TO A STUDENT WHO IS
11 REENTERING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OR OPEN-
12 ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FOR PURPOSES OF
13 DETERMINING THE GRADE LEVEL APPROPRIATE FOR THE
14 STUDENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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18 TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO ADMINISTER A
19 GRADE-LEVEL PLACEMENT TEST TO A STUDENT
20 WHO IS REENTERING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR
21 PURPOSES OF DETERMINING THE GRADE LEVEL
22 APPROPRIATE FOR THE STUDENT.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 1, is amended
28 to add an additional section to read as follows:

29 6-18-114. Testing upon reentry in public school.

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

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



1 open-enrollment public charter school.

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

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