

1 State of Arkansas

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HOUSE BILL 1642

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6 By: Senator J. Boyd
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT ACT; TO
10 AMEND THE MEASURES CONSIDERED WHEN CALCULATING A
11 SCHOOL RATING; TO ENSURE A STUDENT IS NOT COUNTED AS
12 A DROPOUT FOR PURPOSES OF CALCULATING A SCHOOL-LEVEL
13 GRADUATION RATE IF THE STUDENT PASSES A GED TEST; AND
14 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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19 CALCULATING A SCHOOL RATING; AND TO
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21 DROPOUT FOR PURPOSES OF CALCULATING A
22 SCHOOL-LEVEL GRADUATION RATE IF THE
23 STUDENT PASSES A GED TEST.
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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 § 6-15-2108(a), concerning the measures
28 assessed when determining a school's rating, is amended to read as follows:

29 (a) The school rating system shall be a multiple-measures approach
30 that shall include without limitation:

31 (1) Academic achievement on the annual statewide student
32 assessment;

33 (2) Student growth on the annual statewide student assessment;

34 (3) (A) School-level graduation rate or rates.

35 (B) However, a student shall not be counted as a dropout
36 for purposes of calculating a school-level five-year graduation rate under



this section if the student passes a GED test during the year in which the
student dropped out; and

(4) English-learner progress or growth in acquiring English.

/s/Gramlich