

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
Act 1074 of the Regular Session

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90th General Assembly

A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1241

By: Representatives Lowery, Bentley, Harris, Payton, Richmond

By: Senators Irvin, J. Hendren

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO DELAY THE USE OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR
ASSESSMENT OF READINESS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS
(PARCC) ASSESSMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO DELAY THE USE OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR
ASSESSMENT OF READINESS FOR COLLEGE AND
CAREERS (PARCC) ASSESSMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE.

(a)(1) The State Board of Education shall not renew its role as a governing state or its participation with the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers or enter into any contract or agreement in excess of one (1) year related to statewide assessments for public school students after the 2015-2016 school year or any school year thereafter.

(2) The state board shall take into consideration any recommendations that are made by the Governor's Council on Common Core Review before entering into any contract or agreement related to statewide assessments for public school students for the 2016-2017 school year.

(b) This section does not prevent the Department of Education from completing activities with the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers in order to conclude the 2014-2015 school year, including without limitation all activities related to the scoring and reporting of the 2014-2015 assessments.



(c) Beginning June 1, 2015, neither the state board nor the state Department of Education shall provide access of any individually identifiable student data collected at the state level to the federal Department of Education, to any of the federal Department of Education's designated program monitors, technical assistance providers, research partners, government assistance organizations without the express written consent of the parent or legal guardian of the student.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there is substantial controversy and questions regarding the assessments associated with the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC); that until more information and understanding about the assessments are gleaned, the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) may need to be discontinued after the 2015-2016 school year; and that this act is immediately necessary to ensure students are assessed this current school year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

/s/Lowery

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