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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1526

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
CONCERNING SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
CONCERNING SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-426(f) and (g), concerning school improvement, are amended to read as follows:

(f) ~~(1)~~ The comprehensive school improvement plan shall+

~~(1) Be~~ be based on an analysis of student performance data and other relevant data that provide a plan of action to address deficiencies in student performance and any academic achievement gap evidenced in the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program; ~~and.~~

(2) ~~Include~~ The comprehensive school improvement plan shall include a general description of the public school or school district's use of categorical funding for:

- (A) Alternative learning environments;
- (B) Professional development;
- (C) English-language learners; and
- (D) National school lunch students, as defined by § 6-20-

2303(12)(A).

(g) Any public school or school district classified as in school improvement under § 6-15-425 shall, with the assistance of the department,



develop and file with the department a revised comprehensive school improvement plan meeting the requirements of this section and containing any additional requirements determined necessary by the department to ensure that all students in the public school or school district have an opportunity to demonstrate proficiency on all portions of the state-mandated assessments.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-426(i)(1)(A) and (B), concerning school improvement, are repealed.

~~(A) The use of public school funding under the Public School Funding Act of 2003, § 6-20-2301 et seq., for the following:~~

~~(i) Instructional facilitators as that term is defined by the state board; and~~

~~(ii) Alternative learning environments, professional development, English language learners, and national school lunch students identifying specific:~~

~~(a) Educational strategies;~~

~~(b) Resources used, including tutors, teachers' aides, counselors, social workers, and nurses; and~~

~~(c) Expenditures made from categorical funds provided under § 6-20-2305(b); and~~

~~(B) The implementation of programs for students whose academic achievement is below proficient.~~

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2201(c)(2), concerning the implementation of a state system of school improvement and accountability, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The department ~~and the State Board of Education~~ shall monitor the development and implementation of the revised school improvement plan.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2202(b)(1)(B), concerning National School Lunch Act funds and national school lunch student state categorical funds in a school improvement plan, is repealed.

~~(B) A public school that accepts National School Lunch Act funds and national school lunch student state categorical funding under § 6-20-2305 shall report in the public school's comprehensive school improvement plan the following:~~

~~(i) A description of how the public school plans to use National School Lunch Act funds and national school lunch student state categorical funds in the current school year; and~~

~~(ii) A description of how the school used National School Lunch Act funds and national school lunch student state categorical funds in the previous school year;~~

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