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SENATE BILL 226

By: Senator Irvin

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO EXPAND THE ARKANSAS COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PLANNING PROGRAM BY ALLOWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO USE THE ASPIRE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE ACT EXPLORE AND ACT PLAN OR PSAT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO EXPAND THE ARKANSAS COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PLANNING PROGRAM BY ALLOWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO USE THE ASPIRE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE ACT EXPLORE AND ACT PLAN OR PSAT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-441(b), concerning the Arkansas College and Career Readiness Planning Program, is amended to read as follows:

~~(b)(1)(A)~~ A public school shall either:

(A) Administer the EXPLORE that serves students in grade eight (8) shall administer EXPLORE to each student enrolled in grade eight (8) at the public school, if any;

~~(B) A public school that serves students in grade ten (10) shall administer PLAN or the PSAT~~ (B) Administer the PLAN or PSAT to each student enrolled in grade ten (10) at the public school, if any;

(C)(i) Administer the ACT in grade ten (10), grade eleven (11), or grade twelve (12) to each student who meets the federal or state requirements for assessment, if any.



(ii) The ACT may be administered to a student more than once, in one (1) or more grades at the discretion of the Department of Education; or

(D)(i) Administer the Aspire Assessment System to each student at the appropriate grade level, including the ACT in grade ten (10), grade eleven (11), or grade twelve (12) to each student who meets the federal or state requirements for assessment.

(ii) The ACT may be administered to a student more than once, in one (1) or more grades at the discretion of the department.

(2) Funding for the college and career readiness assessments listed in subdivision (b)(1) of this section may be paid by using Department of Education at-risk funding.

(3)(A) The department may designate alternative assessments other than EXPLORE, PLAN, ~~or~~ PSAT, or ACT, or Aspire Assessment System to satisfy the purposes of this section.

(B) The alternative assessments may include without limitation next-generation assessments as approved by the State Board of Education.

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