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A Bill

SENATE BILL 124

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CONTENT STANDARDS
AND CURRICULUM FRAMEWORKS; TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE
ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE STATEWIDE STUDENT
ASSESSMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CONTENT
STANDARDS AND CURRICULUM FRAMEWORKS; AND
TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
CONCERNING THE STATEWIDE STUDENT
ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1505 is amended to read as follows:
6-15-1505. School district implementation.

(a) ~~Beginning with the 2003-2004 school year, each~~ Each local school district shall establish procedures and monitoring processes to ensure that the content of each course offered by the school district is consistent with content standards and curriculum frameworks ~~developed~~ approved by the State Board of Education.

(b) The superintendent of each school district shall provide to the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, ~~by October 1 of each year following the adoption of the plan under subsection (a) of this section, a~~



written statement of assurance that the content of each class and subject area, as required by the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts ~~regardless of levels~~, is aligned to content standards and curriculum frameworks ~~developed~~ approved by the state board ~~in the plan~~.

(c) The division shall monitor, during the standards review visit, documentation of procedures and monitoring processes as required under subsection (a) of this section ~~related to the plan~~.

(d) If the division determines that a school district has failed to align the content of each class and subject area as required by the state board to content standards and curriculum frameworks ~~developed~~ approved by the state board, the division shall take enforcement actions as outlined in the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts ~~+~~

~~(1) Note the failure to comply in the annual school performance report under § 6-15-1402; and~~

~~(2) Cite the failure to comply of each school on the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts Annual Report.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2907(h), concerning the statewide student assessment system, is amended to read as follows:

(h) The division shall provide for statewide student assessments that are:

(1) Valid and reliable;

(2) Obtained or developed, as appropriate, through contracts and project agreements;

(3) Aligned to the Arkansas academic standards; and

(4) Scored and returned for public school and school district use by ~~July 1~~ August 1 of each year.

APPROVED: 3/4/21