

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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HR 1007

By: Representative Alexander

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO AUTHORIZE THE INTRODUCTION OF A NONAPROPRIATION BILL CONCERNING DELAYING THE IMPLEMENTATION COMMON CORE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT Representative Alexander is authorized to introduce a bill which as introduced will read substantially as follows:

"For An Act To Be Entitled  
AN ACT TO DELAY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMON CORE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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TO DELAY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMON CORE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 1, is amended



to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-15-103. Legislative intent – Prohibition on the use of funding for the Common Core State Standards Initiative.

(a) The purpose of this section is to place a moratorium on the implementation of the Common Core State Standards Initiative and all related activities and programs until January 1, 2017.

(b) A state agency, school district, public school, or education service cooperative shall not expend state, federal, or local funds on materials, programs, activities, or assessments that are intended to implement or advance the Common Core State Standards Initiative, the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, or any organization with a similar mission, including without limitation:

(1) An organization promoting any national standards such as the Next Generation Science Standards and the Future of Sex Education Initiative;

(2) Educational materials, textbooks, media, and other forms of instructional materials that incorporate the Common Core State Standards Initiative such as material from TERC Investigations Mathematics Curriculum and Pearson Education materials;

(3) Training for public school employees on any topic related to the Common Core State Standards Initiative or any initiative promoting national standards;

(4) Student data collection of any data that was not collected before the 2011-2012 school year; and

(5) An assessment, field test, or pilot project that was not used in the state during or before the 2011-2012 school year that incorporates the testing of any national standards, such as the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, the American Institutes for Research, or the Educational Planning and Assessment System.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there is little understanding of the Common Core State Standards Initiative; that the initiative may in fact be harmful to the educational efforts and gains made by the state over the past decade; and that this act is immediately necessary to prevent the state's control over the education of its citizens from being marginalized.

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."