

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

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1859

By: Representative Murdock

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REPEAL ACT 1204 OF 2007; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO REPEAL ACT 1204 OF 2007.

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

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 10-3-2102(f)-(j), concerning duties under the Continuing Adequacy Evaluation Act of 2004, is repealed:*

~~*(f) The study for subdivisions (a)(1)-(4) of this section shall be accomplished by:*~~

~~*(1) Reviewing a report prepared by the Division of Legislative Audit compiling all funding received by public schools for each program;*~~

~~*(2) Reviewing the curriculum frameworks developed by the Department of Education;*~~

~~*(3) Reviewing the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program, § 6-15-401 et seq.;*~~

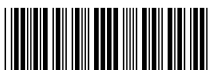
~~*(4) Reviewing fiscal, academic, and facilities distress programs;*~~

~~*(5) Reviewing the state's standing under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.;*~~

~~*(6) Reviewing the Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan process; and*~~

~~*(7) Reviewing the specific programs identified for further study by the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.*~~

~~*(g)(1) The study for subdivision (a)(5) of this section shall be accomplished by comparing the average teacher salary in Arkansas with*~~



~~surrounding states and Southern Regional Education Board member states, including without limitation:~~

~~(A) Comparing teacher salaries as adjusted by a cost of living index or a comparative wage index;~~

~~(B) Reviewing the minimum teacher compensation salary schedule; and~~

~~(C) Reviewing any related topics identified for further study by the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.~~

~~(2) Depending on the availability of National Education Association data on teacher salaries in other states, the teacher salary comparison may be prepared as a supplement to the report after September 1.~~

~~(h) The study for subdivision (a)(6) of this section shall be accomplished by reviewing:~~

~~(1) Expenditures from:~~

~~(A) Isolated school funding;~~

~~(B) National school lunch student funding;~~

~~(C) Declining enrollment funding;~~

~~(D) Student growth funding;~~

~~(E) Special education funding;~~

~~(2) Disparities in teacher salaries; and~~

~~(3) Any related topics identified for further study by the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.~~

~~(i) The study for subdivision (a)(7) of this section shall be accomplished by:~~

~~(1) Completing an expenditure analysis and resource allocation review each biennium; and~~

~~(2) Reviewing any related topics identified for further study by the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.~~

~~(j) The study for subdivision (a)(8) of this section shall be accomplished by:~~

~~(1) Using evidence based research as the basis for recalibrating as necessary the state's system of funding public education;~~

~~(2) Adjusting for the inflation or deflation of any appropriate component of the system of funding public education every two (2) years;~~

~~(3) Reviewing legislation enacted or rules promulgated during the~~

~~biennium covered by the study to determine the impact of the legislation and rules on educational adequacy related public school costs; and~~

~~(4) Reviewing any related topics identified for further study by the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 10-3-2104(c), concerning a report under the Continuing Adequacy Evaluation Act of 2004, is repealed.

~~(e) The report shall be supplemented as needed to accomplish the purposes of this continuing evaluation.~~

/s/Murdock