

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 374

By: Senators Elliott, L. Chesterfield

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
CONCERNING TESTING AND ASSESSMENTS USED IN PUBLIC
SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
CONCERNING TESTING AND ASSESSMENTS USED
IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY.

(a) The purpose of this act is to amend provisions of the Arkansas Code concerning testing and assessments used in public schools, including placing an immediate moratorium on all statewide mandated tests except the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers-developed assessments, tests used to inform student placement or address student needs, or assessments to help determine reading impediments.

(b) Additionally, the purpose of this act is to evaluate the statewide testing and assessment system generally, including without limitation the:

- (1) Efficacy of statewide testing requirements;
- (2) Direct and indirect effects of testing requirements on teaching and learning; and
- (3) Consideration of referenced tests, including the best practices of accountability for teaching and learning.

