

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

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1740

By: Representative Lowery

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENROLLMENT OR RE-ENROLLMENT OF  
A HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENT IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

CONCERNING THE ENROLLMENT OR RE-  
ENROLLMENT OF A HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENT IN  
A PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-504 is amended to read as follows:

6-15-504. Enrollment or ~~reenrollment~~ re-enrollment in local schools.

~~(a)(1) Each local school district may assess any home-schooled student who enrolls or reenrolls in the school district in order to determine proper educational placement.~~

~~(2) A local school district that chooses to assess a home-schooled student who enrolls or reenrolls in the school district may use the same assessment that the school district uses when a student who has attended another public school or private school enrolls or reenrolls.~~ A local public school district:

(1) Shall afford a home-schooled student who enrolls or re-enrolls in a public school the same rights and privileges enjoyed by other public school students; and

(2) Shall not deny a home-schooled student who enrolls or re-enrolls in a public school any of the following solely on the basis of having attended a home school:



- (A) Award of course credits earned in the home school;
- (B) Placement in the proper grade level and promotion to the next grade level;
- (C) Except as provided in subsection (h) of this section, a diploma or graduation;
- (D) Participation in any academic or extracurricular activity;
- (E) Membership in school-sponsored clubs, associations, or organizations; or
- (F) Scholarships.

(b) To enroll or re-enroll in a public school, a home-schooled student shall submit to the public school:

(1) A transcript listing all courses taken and semester grades from the home school; and

(2) A portfolio of indicators of the home-schooled student's academic progress, including without limitation:

- (A) Curricula used in the home school;
- (B) Tests taken and lessons completed by the home-schooled student; and
- (C) Other indicators of the home-schooled student's academic progress.

(c) A public school shall place a home-schooled student who enrolls or re-enrolls in the public school at a grade level and academic course level equivalent to or higher than the home-schooled student's grade level and academic course level in the home school:

(1) As indicated by the home-schooled student's:

(A) Transcript listing all courses taken and semester grades from the home school;

(B) Score of at least the thirtieth percentile on a nationally recognized norm-referenced assessment taken in the past year; and

(C) Portfolio of indicators of the home-schooled student's academic progress, including without limitation:

- (i) Curricula used in the home school;
- (ii) Tests taken and lessons completed by the home-schooled student; and
- (iii) Other indicators of the home-schooled

student's academic progress; or

(2) By mutual agreement between the public school and the home-schooled student's parent or legal guardian.

(d) If the student is unable to provide a nationally recognized norm-referenced test score the school shall:

(1) Assess the student using a nationally recognized norm-referenced assessment; or

(2) Waive the nationally recognized norm-referenced assessment requirement.

(e) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, if the home-schooled student does not meet the requirements of subsection (c) of this section, the public school shall have sole authority to determine the home-schooled student's grade placement and course credits based on the same methods used when a student who attended another public or private school enrolls or reenrolls in the public school.

(f) A public school may waive all requirements under subsections (b) and (c) of this section and enroll the student by mutual agreement with the parent or guardian.

(g) A home-schooled student who enrolls or ~~reenrolls~~ re-enrolls in a local public school ~~district~~ shall attend classes for at least nine (9) months immediately before graduation before the student can become eligible to ~~receive a high school diploma~~ graduate from the public school district with a diploma.

/s/Lowery