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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1856

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS EARLY LITERACY ASSESSMENT PROCUREMENT ACT; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CREATE A LIST OF UP TO THREE (3) FORMATIVE ASSESSMENTS TO EVALUATE READING DEVELOPMENT AND COMPREHENSION; TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PERIODICALLY ADMINISTER TO STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWO (K-2) A FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT FROM THE LIST; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS EARLY LITERACY ASSESSMENT PROCUREMENT ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 4, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-15-442. Arkansas Early Literacy Assessment Procurement Act.

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas Early Literacy Assessment Procurement Act".

(b) The Department of Education shall establish a request for qualifications process to create a list of up to three (3) formative assessments for public school districts to use to evaluate the reading development and comprehension of students in kindergarten through grade two (K-2).

(c)(1) A public school district shall periodically administer to all students in kindergarten through grade two (K-2) a formative assessment



chosen from the list under subsection (a) of this section.

(2) The students administered the formative assessment under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall include students with disabilities and English language learners.