

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 178

By: Senator Files

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO DELAY THE INCLUSION OF A SCORE ON THE WRITING PORTION OF THE ACT ASPIRE ASSESSMENT IN A DETERMINATION OF THE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF A STUDENT, PUBLIC SCHOOL, OR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO DELAY THE INCLUSION OF A SCORE ON THE WRITING PORTION OF THE ACT ASPIRE ASSESSMENT IN A DETERMINATION OF THE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF A STUDENT, PUBLIC SCHOOL, OR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. For the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years, the Department of Education shall not include a student's score on the writing portion of the ACT Aspire assessment in a determination of:

(1) An individual student's academic progress or proficiency level; or

(2) The performance of a public school or public school district under the statewide accountability system in the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program Act, § 6-15-401 et seq.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that insufficient research and data exist on the ability of the writing portion of the ACT Aspire assessment to



accurately measure the academic performance of a student, public school, or public school district; that more time is needed to gather research and data to determine whether the writing portion of the ACT Aspire assessment is an appropriate assessment to make that measurement; and that this act is immediately necessary to ensure that the Department of Education does not consider a student's score on the writing portion of the ACT Aspire assessment in measuring the academic performance of a student, public school, or public school district during the 2016-2017 school year. 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.

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