

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1461

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS ASSESSMENTS FOR HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OFFER THE SAME TESTING OPPORTUNITIES REGARDING ACCESS AND FUNDING TO HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS AS IS OFFERED TO PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OFFER THE SAME TESTING OPPORTUNITIES REGARDING ACCESS AND FUNDING TO HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS AS IS OFFERED TO PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 5, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-15-511. Statewide student assessment system.

(a) A public school district or open-enrollment public charter school that offers to public school students college and career readiness assessments at no cost to the public school students shall offer to home-schooled students who have registered or otherwise met minimum testing requirements and who reside in the district in which the public school or open-enrollment public charter school is located:

(1) Access to the testing sites at which the college or career readiness assessments are administered;



(2) Financial assistance for purposes of paying for or reducing the costs of the college or career readiness assessment the home-schooled student intends to take; and

(3) Accommodations for home-schooled students with disabilities that have been approved by the test developer or provider during the administration of a college or career readiness assessment.

(b) As used in this section, "college and career readiness assessment" includes without limitation:

(1) The ACT test;

(2) The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test;

(3) The Scholastic Assessment Test;

(4) An Advanced Placement test; and

(5) Other assessments commonly used for college admission, college scholarships, or financial aid to attend college.