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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT ACT; TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN STUDENTS FROM INCLUSION IN A SCHOOL'S DROP OUT RATE FOR PURPOSES OF A SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN STUDENTS FROM INCLUSION IN A SCHOOL'S DROP OUT RATE FOR PURPOSES OF A SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1402(b)(3), concerning the contents of a school performance report required under the School Performance Report Act, is amended to read as follows:

(3) The school performance report for middle schools, junior high schools, and high schools shall:

(A) Include three-year trend data and allow parents or guardians to compare the school's performance with state and national averages in areas which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (i) School safety;
- (ii) Statewide student assessment results;
- (iii) Licensed staff qualifications;
- (iv) Per-pupil spending;
- (v) Assessment of the local taxpayer investment in

the school district;



- (vi) Percentage of students eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals;
- (vii) Average salary of the staff;
- (viii) Average attendance rates for students;
- (ix)(a) Drop-out rate.

(b) For purposes of subdivision

(b)(3)(A)(ix)(a) of this section, the following students shall not be counted as a drop out:

(1) A student who passes a General Education Development (GED) test; or

(2) A student in grades nine through twelve (9-12) who transfers from a public school to a home school, private school, or parochial school;

(x) Graduation or completion rates;

(xi) College remediation rate for high schools only;

and

(xii) Collegiate admission test results, including the total number of students in grades nine through eleven (9-11) who took the ACT or SAT; and

(B) Indicate separately whether:

(i) The school distributed the school's student discipline policy to parents;

(ii) The school's teachers, administrators, classified school employees, and volunteers have been provided with appropriate student discipline training;

(iii) The school district has adopted a parental involvement plan in compliance with § 6-15-1702; and

(iv) The school district provides college preparation and remediation for students who have taken the ACT before their senior year of high school under the Universal ACT Assessment Program Act, § 6-18-1601 et seq.