

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1540

By: Representative Vaught

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OR OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TO ADMINISTER A GRADE-LEVEL PLACEMENT TEST TO A STUDENT WHO IS REENTERING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OR OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING THE GRADE LEVEL APPROPRIATE FOR THE STUDENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO ADMINISTER A GRADE-LEVEL PLACEMENT TEST TO A STUDENT WHO IS REENTERING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING THE GRADE LEVEL APPROPRIATE FOR THE STUDENT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-18-114. Testing upon reentry in public school.

(a)(1) A student who leaves a public school district or open-enrollment public charter school for at least one (1) year may reenter a public school district or open-enrollment public charter school at the grade level appropriate to the student's ability.

(2) The determination of a student's grade level under subdivision (a)(1) of this section may be based on the student's performance on a grade-level placement test administered by the public school district or



open-enrollment public charter school.

(b) A student who reenters a public school district or open-enrollment public charter school under this section shall not be placed in a grade that is higher than the grade level associated with the student's age.

/s/Vaught