

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1144

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PARTICIPATING SCHOOL UNDER THE ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNT PROGRAM TO COMPLY WITH THE SAME STATUTORY AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO WHICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE SUBJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE A PARTICIPATING SCHOOL UNDER THE ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNT PROGRAM TO COMPLY WITH THE SAME STATUTORY AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO WHICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE SUBJECT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-2507(a), concerning eligibility requirements for private schools that wish to participate in the Arkansas Children's Educational Freedom Account Program, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(14)(A) Comply with any reporting requirement under this title and department rules to which a public school district or an open-enrollment public charter school is subject.

(B)(i) A private school shall comply with the reporting requirement under subdivision (a)(14)(A) of this section within thirty (30) days of the date by which public school districts and open-enrollment public



charter schools must comply with a specific reporting requirement.

(ii) If a private school fails to comply in a timely manner with the reporting requirement under subdivision (a)(14)(A) of this section, then the private school is ineligible to participate in the program.

/s/Wooten