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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE
11 INFORMATION CONSIDERED UNDER THE SCHOOL RATING
12 SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2108 is amended to read as follows:
24 6-15-2108. School rating system.

25 (a) The school rating system shall be a multiple-measures approach
26 that shall include without limitation:

27 (1) Academic achievement on the annual statewide student
28 assessment;

29 (2) Student growth on the annual statewide student assessment;

30 (3) School-level graduation rate or rates; and

31 (4) English-learner progress or growth in acquiring English.

32 (b) The school rating system shall consider without limitation at
33 least one (1) or more of the following indicators:

34 (1) Closing the achievement gap;

35 (2) Academic growth of student subgroups, including without
36 limitation economically disadvantaged students, students from major racial



1 and ethnic groups, English learners, and students with disabilities;

2 (3) The percentage of the grade nine (9) cohort with on-time
3 completion of credit attainment at the end of grade nine (9);

4 (4) Equity in resource allocation;

5 (5) The percentage of students who earn:

6 (A) Advanced placement credit;

7 (B) Concurrent credit;

8 (C) International Baccalaureate credit; or

9 (D) Industry-recognized certification that leads to
10 articulated or concurrent credit at a postsecondary institution;

11 (6) Student access to multiple flexible learning continua,
12 including but not limited to personalized, competency, or mastery learning;

13 (7) Student access to preschool offered by the public school
14 district;

15 (8) The proportional percentage of qualified educators who hold
16 a National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification or have an
17 advanced degree beyond their bachelor's degree; and

18 (9) Public school district and community partnerships.

19 (c) Indicators included or considered as part of the school rating
20 system shall:

21 (1) Allow for meaningful differentiation in school performance;
22 and

23 (2) Be valid, reliable, comparable, and applicable statewide.

24 (d) To afford the student and the school an opportunity to obtain,
25 build, and develop a baseline to more accurately reflect the student's skills
26 and implement a plan directed to the student's needs for success, academic
27 achievement on the first two (2) annual statewide student assessments
28 administered after the student's enrollment in the school shall not be
29 included in the school rating system for the following students:

30 (1) A student enrolling in the school after attending school
31 outside the State of Arkansas; and

32 (2) A student enrolling in the school after being educated in a
33 setting that is not accredited by the Division of Elementary and Secondary
34 Education.

35 ~~(d)~~(e) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall
36 promulgate rules to implement this section.