

State of Arkansas

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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1642

By: Representative Gramlich

By: Senator J. Boyd

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT ACT; TO
AMEND THE MEASURES CONSIDERED WHEN CALCULATING A
SCHOOL RATING; TO ENSURE A STUDENT IS NOT COUNTED AS
A DROPOUT FOR PURPOSES OF CALCULATING A SCHOOL-LEVEL
GRADUATION RATE IF THE STUDENT PASSES A GED TEST; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE MEASURES CONSIDERED WHEN
CALCULATING A SCHOOL RATING; AND TO
ENSURE A STUDENT IS NOT COUNTED AS A
DROPOUT FOR PURPOSES OF CALCULATING A
SCHOOL-LEVEL GRADUATION RATE IF THE
STUDENT PASSES A GED TEST.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2108(a), concerning the measures
assessed when determining a school's rating, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

(3) (A) School-level graduation rate or rates.

(B) However, a student shall not be counted as a dropout
for purposes of calculating a school-level five-year graduation rate under



this section if the student passes a GED test during the year in which the
student dropped out; and

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

/s/Gramlich

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