

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Second Extraordinary Session, 2003
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Call Item 4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1132

5 By: Representative Mahony
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 35 OF THE SECOND
10 EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF 2003 TO ALLOW THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE
12 FOR TEST RESULTS IF THE DEADLINE SUBSTANTIALLY
13 INCREASES THE COST OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE TESTS
14 OR COMPROMISES THE VALIDITY OF THE TEST RESULTS;
15 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

17 AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 35 OF THE SECOND
18 EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF 2003.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-433(c)(3) as added by Act 35 of the
25 Second Extraordinary Session of 2003 concerning the deadline for test
26 results, is amended to read as follows:

27 (3)(A) Each testing program, whether at the elementary beginning
28 at grade three (3), middle school, or high school level, shall include to the
29 fullest extent possible, a test of writing in which students are required to
30 produce writings that are then scored by appropriate analytic methods that
31 ensure overall test validity and reliability, including inter-rater
32 reliability. Writing test results shall be scored and returned for district
33 and school use no later than July 1 of each year beginning in 2005-2006 and
34 each year thereafter;

35 (B) The Department of Education may extend the July 1
36 deadline under subdivision (c)(3)(A) of this section to August 1, if the



1 department finds, based on the request for proposals, that:

2 (i) The cost of administration of the test will be
3 substantially more because of the earlier deadline; or

4 (ii) The validity of the test results will be
5 compromised because of the earlier deadline.

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7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-435(3)(C) as added by Act 35 of the
8 Second Extraordinary Session of 2003 concerning the deadline for test
9 results, is amended to read as follows:

10 (C)(i) Beginning in the 2005-2006 school year and each
11 subsequent year thereafter, in establishing such schedule, the department is
12 charged with the duty to accomplish the latest possible administration of the
13 statewide assessments and the earliest possible provision, but no later than
14 July 1, of the results to the school districts.

15 (ii) The department may extend the July 1 deadline
16 under subdivision (3)(C)(i) of this section to August 1, if the department
17 finds, based on the request for proposals, that:

18 (a) The cost of administration of the test
19 will be substantially more because of the earlier deadline; or

20 (b) The validity of the test results will be
21 compromised because of the earlier deadline.

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