

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 86th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2007
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2253

5 By: Representatives Cook, Kenney, Abernathy
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
10 CONDUCT A TWO-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM USING FORMATIVE
11 ASSESSMENTS STATEWIDE; TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE
12 PILOT PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 PROGRAM USING FORMATIVE ASSESSMENTS
16 STATEWIDE AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE
17 PILOT PROGRAM.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. NOT TO BE CODIFIED.

24 (a) The General Assembly finds:

25 (1) That formative assessments are an important tool for:

26 (A) Determining a student's understanding and ability to
27 apply concepts in the curriculum frameworks and use that information to
28 immediately address any deficiencies during the school year;

29 (B) Aligning the assessment of a student's learning with
30 teaching strategies during the school year; and

31 (C) Supporting a teacher's determination of exactly which
32 part of the curriculum needs reinforcement or identifying for which a
33 different teaching strategy is needed;

34 (2) That formative assessments are currently being used in a
35 large amount of the state's school districts and should be used statewide;
36 and



1 (3) That an effective statewide formative assessment program
2 would take more than one (1) year to develop.

3 (b) For these reasons, the Department of Education shall develop a
4 two-year pilot for a state-supported formative assessment program with
5 funding available to school districts participating in the pilot program to
6 begin with the 2007-2008 school year.

7 (c) Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, the amount of twenty-
8 five dollars (\$25.00) per student participating in the pilot program shall be
9 allocated to the Department of Education for the purpose of implementing the
10 pilot program.

11 (d) After completion of the pilot program, the General Assembly shall
12 determine the effectiveness of formative assessments in providing an
13 opportunity for an adequate education and consider providing statewide
14 funding for mandated formative assessments.

15 (e) The Department of Education is requested to work in conjunction
16 with the professional associations to provide a plan for the statewide
17 rollout of formative assessments and to report to the House Interim Committee
18 on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on Education on or before May
19 1, 2008.

20 (f) The funding provided in this act shall not be considered
21 foundation funding as the General Assembly has not determined that formative
22 assessments, the pilot program, or the funding are necessary for the
23 provisions of an adequate education.

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