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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
9 CONCERNING SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
15 CONCERNING SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-426(f) and (g), concerning school
21 improvement, are amended to read as follows:

22 (f) ~~(1)~~ The comprehensive school improvement plan shall+

23 ~~(1) Be~~ be based on an analysis of student performance data and
24 other relevant data that provide a plan of action to address deficiencies in
25 student performance and any academic achievement gap evidenced in the
26 Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program; ~~and.~~

27 (2) ~~Include~~ The comprehensive school improvement plan shall
28 include a general description of the public school or school district's use
29 of categorical funding for:

30 (A) Alternative learning environments;

31 (B) Professional development;

32 (C) English-language learners; and

33 (D) National school lunch students, as defined by § 6-20-
34 2303(12)(A).

35 (g) Any public school or school district classified as in school
36 improvement under § 6-15-425 shall, with the assistance of the department,



1 develop and file with the department a revised comprehensive school
 2 improvement plan meeting the requirements of this section and containing any
 3 additional requirements determined necessary by the department to ensure that
 4 all students in the public school or school district have an opportunity to
 5 demonstrate proficiency on all portions of the state-mandated assessments.
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7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-426(i)(1)(A) and (B), concerning
 8 school improvement, are repealed.

9 ~~(A) The use of public school funding under the Public
 10 School Funding Act of 2003, § 6-20-2301 et seq., for the following:~~

11 ~~(i) Instructional facilitators as that term is
 12 defined by the state board; and~~

13 ~~(ii) Alternative learning environments, professional
 14 development, English language learners, and national school lunch students
 15 identifying specific:~~

16 ~~(a) Educational strategies;~~

17 ~~(b) Resources used, including tutors, teachers,
 18 aides, counselors, social workers, and nurses; and~~

19 ~~(c) Expenditures made from categorical funds
 20 provided under § 6-20-2305(b); and~~

21 ~~(B) The implementation of programs for students whose
 22 academic achievement is below proficient.~~

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 24 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2201(c)(2), concerning the
 25 implementation of a state system of school improvement and accountability, is
 26 amended to read as follows:

27 (2) The department ~~and the State Board of Education~~ shall monitor
 28 the development and implementation of the revised school improvement plan.
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30 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2202(b)(1)(B), concerning National
 31 School Lunch Act funds and national school lunch student state categorical
 32 funds in a school improvement plan, is repealed.

33 ~~(B) A public school that accepts National School Lunch Act
 34 funds and national school lunch student state categorical funding under § 6-
 35 20-2305 shall report in the public school's comprehensive school improvement
 36 plan the following:~~

1 ~~(i) A description of how the public school plans to~~
2 ~~use National School Lunch Act funds and national school lunch student state~~
3 ~~categories funds in the current school year; and~~

4 ~~(ii) A description of how the school used National~~
5 ~~School Lunch Act funds and national school lunch student state categorical~~
6 ~~funds in the previous school year;~~

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