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LITTLE ROCK: Susan Bonesteel Harriman joined the Arkansas Department of Education today as director of policy. Harriman comes to the department from the National Center for Educational Achievement, ACT, Inc.'s Just for the Kids Initiative in Austin, Texas.

"We are fortunate to have someone with Susan's breadth and depth of experience in the realm of education policy," said Tom W. Kimbrell, Arkansas commissioner of education. "She has worked on every level of public education, from the school setting to the federal government. We know her skills and knowledge will help us as we move forward in our support of school districts and the work of raising student achievement."

In addition to her role as director of state services for the National Center for Education Achievement, ACT, Inc.'s Just for the Kids Initiative, Harriman has worked for the U.S. Department of Education, the Texas Education Reform Caucus and Texas Public Education Reform Foundation, the Arlington Independent School District, and Tarrant County College in Fort Worth, Texas.

"I have had the opportunity since 2002 to collaborate with Arkansas education leaders in my past positions, and I am looking forward to joining the team at the Arkansas Department of Education," Harriman said. "Nationally, Arkansas is respected for its efforts in education policy, and I am honored to play a role in this important work."

***The Arkansas Department of Education strives to ensure that all children in the state have access to a quality education by providing educators, administrators and staff with leadership, resources and training.***