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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO SUSPEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL RATING SYSTEM FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR UNDER § 6-15-2105; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO SUSPEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL RATING SYSTEM FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR UNDER § 6-15-2105.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings. The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) has spread throughout the world, resulting in a global pandemic;

(2) The spread of coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) has resulted in the disruption of the education of students attending kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) in this state during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years;

(3) Due to impossibility, public schools did not receive a rating under the public school rating system pursuant to § 6-15-2105 for the 2019-2020 school year because statewide student assessments were not conducted during the 2019-2020 school year due to the disruption of education caused by the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic; and

(4) A suspension of the public school rating system under § 6-15-2105 is warranted for the 2020-2021 school year due to the continuing disruption to education caused by the ongoing coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Public school rating system.

For the 2020-2021 school year, the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall not assign school ratings pursuant to § 6-15-2105.

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