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# A Bill

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SENATE BILL 339

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6 By: Representative Williams

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE REGIONAL *EDUCATIONAL CAREER*  
10 *ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL SYSTEM* FOR ADJUDICATED YOUTH; AND  
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

15 *TO ESTABLISH THE REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL*  
16 *CAREER ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR*  
17 *ADJUDICATED YOUTH.*

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

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22 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 11, Subchapter 2 is amended*  
23 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

24 *6-11-208. Regional Educational Career Alternative School System for*  
25 *Adjudicated Youth -- Multiagency task force -- Formation.*

26 *(a)(1) A multiagency task force, staffed and supported by the*  
27 *Department of Career Education, is established and shall consist of five (5)*  
28 *members, including:*

29 *(A) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee;*

30 *(B) The Director of the Department of Career Education or*  
31 *his or her designee;*

32 *(C) The Director of the Department of Higher Education or*  
33 *his or her designee;*

34 *(D) The Director of the Department of Human Services or*  
35 *his or her designee; and*

36 *(E) The Director of the Department of Workforce Services*



1 or his or her designee.

2 (2) Funding for the multiagency task force shall be provided by:

3 (A) The Department of Career Education; or

4 (B) Each agency that serves on the multiagency task force,  
5 in an equal amount.

6 (3) The multiagency task force shall:

7 (A) Establish criteria and standards for a career-based  
8 curriculum to be offered in the Regional Educational Career Alternative  
9 School System for Adjudicated Youth;

10 (B) Formulate and recommend how to operate a Regional  
11 Educational Career Alternative School System for Adjudicated Youth; and

12 (C) Strive to open at least one (1) Regional Educational  
13 Career Alternative School for Adjudicated Youth in the 2013-2014 school year,  
14 upon the availability of funding.

15 (4) Beginning on October 1, 2011, the multiagency task force  
16 shall provide status reports to the interim House Committee on Aging,  
17 Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs and the Senate Interim  
18 Committee on Children and Youth one (1) time each quarter.

19 (b) The Regional Educational Career Alternative School System for  
20 Adjudicated Youth may consist of at least one (1) but not more than five (5)  
21 Regional Educational Career Alternative Schools for Adjudicated Youth.

22 (c) A Regional Educational Career Alternative School for Adjudicated  
23 Youth shall offer without limitation:

24 (1) At least the minimum twenty-two (22) credit curriculum  
25 required to obtain a diploma;

26 (2) Vocational education and certificates;

27 (3) Career education services, including the General Educational  
28 Development Test;

29 (4) Special education services; and

30 (5) Support services.

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32 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-27-323(e), concerning diversion  
33 agreements, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

34 (e) Diversion agreements shall be limited to providing for:

35 (1) Nonjudicial probation under the supervision of the intake  
36 officer or probation officer for a period during which the juvenile may be

1 *required to comply with specified conditions concerning his or her conduct*  
2 *and activities;*

3 *(2) Participation in a court-approved program of education,*  
4 *counseling, or treatment;*

5 *(3) Participation in a court-approved teen court; ~~and~~*

6 *(4) Participation in a juvenile drug court program; and*

7 *(5) Enrollment in the Regional Educational Career Alternative*  
8 *School.*

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