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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2513

"AN ACT TO REDUCE THE ACADEMIC DISPARITIES IN THE ARKANSAS DELTA."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2513.

Amend House Bill No. 2513 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 19 through 24 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. (a) The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff may establish a Delta Student Academic Success Plan to reduce the disparities in the academic performance of youth in the Arkansas delta.

(b) The plan shall consist of the following components:

(1) A coalition effort between the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and various school districts in Arkansas, Chicot, Drew, Jefferson, and Lincoln counties;

(2) A plan to establish a standards based curricula to be used in the various school districts in mathematics, reading, and English using instructional strategies based on students' assessed mastery level and learning styles;

(3) Faculty development in:

(A) Standards based mathematic, reading, and English;

(B) Use of student assessment data in instructional

design; and

(C) Instructional design based on assessed mastery and

learning styles;

(4) Development of an Arkansas Teacher Corp to increase the number of new and certified teachers;

(5) Development of an after school academic program to reinforce knowledge and skills taught during the regular class day and to help develop knowledge and skills in wellness, art, hobbies, personal growth, and decision making, career awareness and requirements; and

(6) Development of a comprehensive evaluation program in which key assessment measures shall include the number of participants, mastery of English, mathematics, and reading as measured by the state benchmark examinations, SAT-9, and National Assessment of Educational Progress measures, and admission to and graduation from an accredited college or technical institution.

(c) The Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff may enter into an agreement with the superintendents of the school districts of Arkansas, Chicot, Drew, Jefferson, and Lincoln counties to implement the



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Delta Student Academic Success plan, to the extent the plan does not conflict with Arkansas law or with the standards set forth by the Department of Education.

(d) If a plan is established, the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff shall make a yearly report of the progress of the plan to the superintendents of the school districts in Arkansas, Chicot, Drew, Jefferson, and Lincoln counties, the Department of Education, and the Legislative Council.”

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative J. Johnson
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