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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2714

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A CONTINUUM OF ADEQUATE EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2714.

Amend House Bill No. 2714 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 10 through 13 and substitute the following:
"OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS; TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
AND ADULT EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete everything following the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Legislative findings and intent.

(a) The General Assembly recognizes that adequate educational opportunities for adults are critical to the economic and social development of the state.

(b) The General Assembly finds that over four hundred ninety-one thousand eight hundred sixty-three (491,863) adults age eighteen (18) or older, approximately twenty-five percent (25%) of the adult population in Arkansas, lack a high school diploma or have not passed the General Educational Development Test, and thus there is a critical need for adult education and training services.

(c) It is the intent of this legislation to ensure that the limited funds available for adult education and training services are having the greatest possible impact on improving the skills and employment and earnings prospects of adults in Arkansas.

SECTION 2. (a)(1) There is established a committee to be known as the "Arkansas Workforce Investment Board and Adult Education Study Committee".

(b) The committee shall consist of twenty-six (26) members as follows:

(1)(A) Thirteen (13) members appointed by the Arkansas Workforce Investment Board.

(B) Ten (10) of the members appointed by the Arkansas Workforce Investment Board shall be a representative from a workforce center in each of the ten (10) local workforce investment areas of the state; and

(2)(A) Thirteen (13) members appointed by the Adult Education Section of the Department of Workforce Education.



(B) Ten (10) of the members appointed by the Adult Education Section of the Department of Workforce Education shall be a representative from an adult education program in each of the ten (10) local workforce investment areas of the state.

(c) The appointed committee members shall be residents of the State of Arkansas at the time of appointment and throughout his or her term.

(d) If a vacancy occurs in an appointed position, for any reason, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(2) The new appointee shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(e) The Arkansas Workforce Investment Board and the Adult Education Section of the Department of Workforce Education shall each name one (1) member to serve as cochairs of the committee.

(f)(1) The cochairs of the committee shall call the first organizational meeting within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this act. The committee shall meet at times and places that either of the cochairs deems necessary, but no meetings shall be held outside of the State of Arkansas.

(2) A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

(3) All action of the committee shall be by a majority vote of the full membership of the committee.

(g) The committee shall:

(1) Review the programs and services offered by workforce centers and adult education programs and determine if those entities offer duplicative services;

(2) Determine the extent to which workforce centers and adult education programs are coordinating services to create a seamless system of education and training opportunities for adults; and

(3) Make specific recommendations for reducing unnecessary duplication of services and improving the coordination of services between workforce centers and adult education programs in the form of a written report to the Governor, the House Interim Committee on Education, and the Senate Interim Committee on Education on or before September 1, 2004, and an oral report to the House Interim Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on Education as directed by the chairs the legislative committees.

(h)(1) The Adult Education Section of the Department of Workforce Education and Arkansas Workforce Investment Board shall provide staff and meeting space to the committee.

(2)(A) Members of the committee shall serve without pay, except members who receive compensation incidental to his or her regular employment.

(B) Members of the committee may receive expense reimbursement in accordance with Arkansas Code § 25-16-902, to be paid by the Adult Education Section of the Department of Workforce Education or Arkansas Workforce Investment Board to the entities respective appointees and to the extent money is available.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Arkansas Workforce Investment Board and Adult Education Study Committee needs to meet and organize itself as soon as possible to begin the work of the committee.

Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill;
or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto."

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Mahony
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