

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
84th General Assembly - Second Extraordinary Session, 2003  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1057**

"AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE FOR SCHOOL SUCCESS  
PROGRAM TO REMOVE MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND SET IMPLEMENTATION  
GOALS."

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1057.**

Amend House Bill No. 1057 as engrossed, H12/19/03 (version: 12-19-2003 10:18):

Add Senator Wilkins as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, delete line 24 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-45-104 is amended to read as follows:  
6-45-104. Construction.

(a)(1) Except as required under subdivision (a)(2) of this subsection,  
this chapter shall not require any school district to participate.

(2) A local school ~~district~~ is required to work with the  
Department of Education and their local community to establish, promote, and  
assist in the development of a program under the Arkansas Better Chance for  
School Success Program to serve all children in the school ~~district~~ as  
provided in § 6-45-108, if:

(A) The school ~~district~~ has seventy-five percent (75%) or  
more students scoring below proficiency on the primary benchmark exams or  
other exams designated by the department in the preceding two (2) school  
years; or

(B) The school ~~district~~ has been designated by the  
department as being in school improvement status under § 6 -15-425 or is  
located in a district in academic distress.

(b) Furthermore, nothing in this chapter shall require parents or  
legal guardians to enroll their children under five (5) years of age in any  
program established pursuant to this chapter.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-45-106 is amended to read as follows:"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 2 through 10, substitute:



"(2)(A) A local-to-state match will be required in the ratio of forty-sixty (40:60), except the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education within the Department of Human Services may waive the requirement of the local-to-state match; if

(i) The school is in a district that have been designated by the Department of Education as being in academic distress; and

(ii) The division determines that the school is unable to provide the local-to-state match requirement, after the division has assisted the school in identifying potential funding sources to provide local-to-state match requirements."

AND

Page 2, line 30, delete "School districts" and substitute "~~School districts~~ Schools"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 34 and 35 and substitute:

"(B) ~~School districts~~ Schools that have been designated by the Department of Education as being in ~~academic distress~~ school improvement status under § 6-15-425 or are located in a school district in academic distress."

AND

Page 3, line 3, delete "school districts" and substitute "schools"

AND

Page 3, line 10, delete "SECTION 2." and substitute "SECTION 3."

AND

Page 3, line 35, delete "SECTION 3." and substitute "SECTION 4."

AND

Page 4, line 6, delete "fourth grade." and substitute "fourth grade, so long as the child is enrolled in a public school in the state."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator Wilkins

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Secretary