

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Representative Mahony**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A RESEARCH AND DIFFUSION UNIT AT THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; TO PROVIDE A STATE GRANT REVIEW
10 TEAM TO ASSIST IN THE AWARDING OF STATE FUNDS FOR
11 INNOVATIVE PROJECTS IN TEACHING AND CURRICULA; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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16 SECTION 1. (a) There is created a Research and Diffusion Unit in the
17 Office of Director of the General Education Division of the Department of
18 Education.

19 (b) The Director of General Education shall establish a coordinator and
20 staff for the research unit.

21 (c)(1) To assist the Research and Diffusion Unit in identifying
22 innovative research-based teaching methods and curricula which are or should
23 be in the public schools of this state, a committee shall be appointed by the
24 Director and approved by the State Board of Education.

25 (2) The committee shall be comprised of six members as follows:

26 (A) The Research Coordinator, who shall serve as the chair
27 of the committee;

28 (B) A representative of a state-supported higher education
29 institution;

30 (C) A representative of the various curricula
31 organizations;

32 (D) A classroom teacher from the public schools; and

33 (E) A principal of an elementary school and a principal
34 from a post-elementary school.

35 (3) The committee shall review innovative programs offered in the

1 public schools of this state which exemplify research-based teaching methods
2 and curricula and make recommendations to the Director for recognition of such
3 programs.

4 (4) The State Board of Education may fund research programs and
5 the dissemination of research-based teaching methods and curricula approved by
6 the committee.

7 (d) The Department of Education is authorized to promulgate rules and
8 regulations for implementation of the provisions of this act.

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10 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
11 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
12 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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14 SECTION 3. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to
15 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
16 other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without
17 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
18 Act are declared to be severable.

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20 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
21 hereby repealed.

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