

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

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1046

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE FORMATION OF A COMMITTEE TO
9 ASSIST THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
10 AN ENHANCED THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING PROGRAM IN THE
11 PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THIS STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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15 SECTION 1. (a) The State Board of Education is authorized to establish
16 a committee for the Enhanced Thinking and Problem Solving Program.

17 (b) The committee shall include, but is not limited to, personnel from
18 the Department of Education, school districts, and institutions of higher
19 education. *Members must demonstrate expertise in this area.*

20 (c) The committee shall assist the State Board of Education in the
21 following:

22 (1) Identification of *all* the dimensions of thinking and problem
23 solving;

24 (2) Development of program standards, *including, but not limited*
25 *to, revisions in course content guides which should be concept based,* for
26 enhanced thinking and problem solving program implementation and evaluation;

27 (3) Development of evaluation instruments for use by school
28 districts and colleges and universities to evaluate student teachers and
29 teachers during their initial year of teaching in a subject area in their
30 ability to teach enhanced thinking and problem solving skills in those subject
31 areas and contexts where the use of such skills is appropriate;

32 (4) Establishment of procedures for periodical evaluation of all
33 certified personnel whose duties include classroom instruction in their
34 ability to teach enhanced thinking and problem solving skills in those subject
35 areas and contexts where the use of such skills is appropriate;

1 (5) Development and implementation of in-service training
2 programs in enhanced thinking and problem solving skills; and

3 (6) Development of guidelines to assist textbook selection
4 committees in assessing textbooks for the presentation of instructional
5 materials which develop enhanced thinking and problem solving skills.

6 (d) The committee shall assist the State Board of Higher Education in
7 the development of a curriculum for the education of certified personnel.

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

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

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

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22 /s/ J. Mahony
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