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# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL**

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY BASED  
10 EDUCATION CENTERS TO EXPAND THE OPERATION OF EXISTING  
11 SECONDARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE CENTERS; AND FOR OTHER  
12 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. Community Based Education Centers.

17 (a) The State Board of Vocational Education shall establish criteria  
18 that must be met by any secondary vocational center requesting permission to  
19 become a community based education center. The board shall periodically  
20 review and revise, if necessary, this community based education center  
21 criteria. Such centers may include offerings of traditional vocational  
22 education during regular school hours, extended day programs so that students  
23 may attend the center for vocational instruction after regular school hours,  
24 ABE/GAE programs, adult skill training and/or retraining for the general  
25 population, industry start-up and retraining, and workplace literacy.

26 (b) Any secondary vocational center which satisfies the criteria  
27 established by the board pursuant to this section may, in accordance with  
28 procedures to be adopted by the board, seek approval from the board to become  
29 a community based education center. Upon approval by the board of any such  
30 application, the school may change its name to \_\_\_\_\_ Community Based  
31 Education Center.

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33 SECTION 2. State Board Policy. The State Board of Vocational  
34 Education shall establish policy for community based education centers in such  
35 areas as: fees, operating and capital budgets, allocation of funds,

1 instructional programs and related criteria for the operation of community  
2 based education centers, degrees and certificates, academic and programmatic  
3 standards.

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5 SECTION 3. Application. Following publication by the State Board of  
6 Vocational Education of criteria required to qualify for designation as a  
7 community based education center, local educational agencies may develop a  
8 budget proposal for submission to the State Board for funding consideration.  
9 In-so-far as possible, the Board shall distribute the funds in as equitable a  
10 manner as possible while maintaining the best utilization of funds as  
11 appropriated by the General Assembly.

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13 SECTION 4. Criteria. The State Board shall relate to the community  
14 based education centers as a coordinating board. Furthermore, the governing  
15 board of a community based education center is encouraged to create a general  
16 advisory council. Such council shall provide advice on programs of the  
17 school, including data that reflects the needs of business and industry served  
18 by the community based education center. Upon request by the community based  
19 education center, the State Council on Vocational Education shall provide such  
20 assistance as may be required to establish a general advisory council.

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22 SECTION 5. Service Board. The board which currently owns the property  
23 and capital equipment of any existing community based education center is  
24 authorized to retain ownership of such properties. Provided however,  
25 ownership of such properties may, by vote of the board, be restructured.  
26 Furthermore, the board of the host school is encouraged to create a board  
27 composed of superintendents of all schools sending students to the community  
28 based education center. Such board may act as a governing board for the  
29 community based education center. Furthermore, such boards are encouraged to  
30 have members that are representative of business and industry in the community  
31 based education centers service area.

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33 SECTION 6. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature  
34 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
35 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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SECTION 7. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 8 . All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

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