

1 **State of Arkansas**  
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4 **By: Senator Russ**

# A Bill

**SENATE BILL**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED TITLE 6, CHAPTER  
9 15, SUBCHAPTER 6, SECTION 6-15-603(a), (b), AND (c),  
10 RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION OF EXEMPLARY SCHOOL PROGRAMS;  
11 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. Arkansas Code Annotated 6-15-603(a) is hereby amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 "6-15-603. Exemplary school programs.

18 (a) To encourage greater effort on the part of schools and school  
19 districts to meet the National Education Goals and to make possible the  
20 sharing of these exemplary programs with other schools or school districts, a  
21 program of research and development grants for schools or school districts  
22 shall be established.

23 (1) Schools or school districts throughout the State shall be  
24 invited to submit applications for such grants, not to exceed ten thousand  
25 dollars (\$10,000) annually.

26 (2) The State Recognition Panel shall screen the applications  
27 and make awards based on criteria which will include the following:

28 (A) The program must be designed to stimulate a  
29 significant increase in the level of student performance in one or more  
30 content areas through the use of new and creative methods;

31 (B) The program must have implications for use beyond the  
32 school or school district in which it is developed;

33 (C) The program must be designed to meet desired learner  
34 outcomes; and

35 (D) The program must be different from those already

1 available and in use, although it may involve a new combination of these."

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated 6-15-603(b) is hereby amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 "(b) At the end of the school year, program(s) that have proved to  
6 stimulate a significant increase in the performance levels of students shall  
7 be selected by the State Recognition Panel to become part of a state exemplary  
8 education network."

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10 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Annotated 6-15-603(c) is hereby amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 "(c) The school(s) or school district(s) that developed the exemplary  
13 program(s) selected to become part of this network shall receive additional  
14 research grants not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to develop  
15 training and materials which will allow the exemplary program(s) to be  
16 disseminated to other schools or school districts."

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18 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
19 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
20 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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22 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
23 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
24 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
25 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
26 act are declared to be severable.

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28 SECTION 6. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
29 hereby repealed.

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