

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Representative Mahony**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1840

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 6-18-101 TO
9 REQUIRE THAT THE MINIMUM CORE OF HIGH SCHOOL COURSES
10 RECOMMENDED FOR POSTSECONDARY TECHNICAL PREPARATION SHALL
11 BE ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN
12 CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND
13 *THE VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION DIVISION OF THE*
14 *DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."*

Subtitle

17 "TO REQUIRE THAT THE TECH PREP CORE CURRICULUM BE
18 ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE
19 BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION."

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

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-101 is hereby amended to read as
24 follows:

25 "6-18-101. Qualifications for valedictorian and salutatorian.

26 (a) Beginning with the 1993-94 school year, only a student who has
27 successfully completed a minimum core of high school courses recommended for
28 preparation for postsecondary education or a more rigorous program of
29 vocational study shall be eligible for the honor of serving as a valedictorian
30 or salutatorian of his or her graduating class.

31 (b) Beginning with the 1993-94 school year, only a student who has
32 successfully completed the minimum core of high school courses recommended for
33 preparation for postsecondary education or a more rigorous program of
34 vocational study with a minimum grade point established by the school district
35 or its equivalent shall be eligible for distinction as an honor graduate of a

1 senior class in a high school in this state.

2 (c) (1) For the purpose of meeting the requirements of subsections (a)
3 and (b) above, the students must complete the minimum core of courses
4 recommended by the State Board of Higher Education and State Board of
5 Education pursuant to § 6-61-217 enlisted during the period of his enrollment
6 in high school.

7 (2) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
8 Board of Higher Education *and the Vocational and Technical Education Division*
9 *of the Department of Education*, shall establish the requirements for a minimum
10 core of high school courses recommended for postsecondary technical
11 preparation.

12 (d) The State Board of Education shall study the impact of abolishing
13 the general program of studies track in high school and requiring all students
14 thereafter to complete either the college preparatory or technical preparation
15 program of study aimed at preparing youth to continue to learn either in the
16 workplace or in some form of postsecondary institution and report the findings
17 to the Joint Interim Committee on Education by September 15, 1992.

18 (e) Beginning with the 1991-92 school year, only a student who is
19 enrolled in a course of study containing the minimum core of high school
20 courses recommended for preparation for postsecondary education as set forth
21 by the State Board of Higher Education and State Board of Education pursuant
22 to § 6-61-217, or the technical preparation program as set forth by the State
23 Board of Education *in consultation with the State Board of Higher Education*
24 *and the Vocational and Technical Division of the Department of Education*,
25 shall be eligible for membership in the National Honor Society or any
26 equivalent academic honor society.

27 (f) A student who is a member of any academic honor society on the
28 effective date of this section shall be exempt from the provisions of
29 subsection (e) of this section."
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31 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
32 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
33 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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35 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to

1 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
2 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
3 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
4 act are declared to be severable.

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

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/s/Jodie Mahony

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