

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Senator Hopkins**

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 25-7-102 RELATING TO THE
9 PILOT PROGRAM CENTER FOR WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

13 "RELATING TO THE CENTER FOR WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE."

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

17 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 25-7-102 is amended to read as follows:

18 "25-7-102. Center for Workforce Excellence.

19 (a) For the purpose of this section, Center means the Center for
20 Workforce Excellence.

21 (b)(1) There is created the Center for Workforce Excellence which
22 shall conduct a pilot project to assist industrial development through the
23 coordination of training programs and services.

24 (2) The pilot project shall be a cooperative effort among Ouachita
25 Technical College, Malvern High School, the Grande Nutrino Project Consortium,
26 private industry, and other appropriate groups.

27 (3) Local industrial groups, local governmental units, and private
28 enterprise should provide much of the financial support needed for the pilot
29 project. Such support should include financial support for items such as
30 office space, expenses, and utilities.

31 (4) The Ouachita Technical College Board shall establish guidelines
32 governing the operation of the center.

33 (c)(1) The goals of the center shall be to:

34 (A) Facilitate the development of students and workers, members
35 of the learning force within Arkansas communities and companies, with a

1 focus on workers' skills and workplace tools of the future, particularly high
2 level technical training and education;

3 (B) Foster skills, knowledge, and understanding relevant to real
4 world jobs, careers, and lifestyles through the economic competitiveness of
5 students, workers, communities, companies, and associated groups in a global
6 political community.

7 (2) The center shall develop a strategic management plan to include
8 initial industry services training with a survey of existing facilities,
9 opportunities for training within the potential project area, and development
10 of a campaign plan to overcome training deficiencies in the areas through
11 reliance on existing resources through the cooperation and development of new
12 training capability through innovative low cost means.

13 (3) The center shall assist private industry in determining what
14 training services and programs are available, the steps necessary to provide
15 the training services and programs needed by the industry, and how long it
16 would take to develop the needed training services and programs.

17 (d) (1) The Ouachita Technical College Board shall establish a local
18 advisory committee to provide guidance to the center in implementing the pilot
19 project. The local advisory committee shall include representatives of
20 Ouachita Technical College, Malvern High School, the Grande Nutrino Project
21 Consortium, and private industry. The board may include representatives of
22 other appropriate groups and organizations.

23 (2) The purpose of the local advisory committee shall be to assist the
24 center in determining the proper focus for industrial development.

25 (3) The local advisory committee shall make recommendations concerning:

26 (A) Soft skills interpersonal relationships, such as
27 discipline and self reliance and an ability to communicate properly;

28 (B) Hard skills such as skills required of workers by technical
29 training;

30 (C) Apprenticeship and internship programs in students and
31 potential workers; and

32 (D) Other issues concerning the training and development of
33 students and workers."

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35 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

1 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
2 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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

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