

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1882

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5 By: Representative Goodwin

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO CLARIFY RESPONSIBILITIES OF REFERRING SCHOOL
10 DISTRICTS AND ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS TOWARD STUDENTS WHO
11 ARE SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD AND ENROLLED IN ADULT
12 EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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16 REFERRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND ADULT
17 EDUCATION PROGRAMS TOWARD STUDENTS WHO
18 ARE SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD AND
19 ENROLLED IN ADULT EDUCATION."

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

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23 SECTION 1. Legislative Intent. It is the intention of the General
24 Assembly by this act to provide financial support to local adult education
25 programs that are currently providing educational services to students sixteen
26 (16) or seventeen (17) years of age and to clarify responsibility for certain
27 clerical and administrative functions. It is not the intention of the General
28 Assembly that local adult education programs serve as the alternative learning
29 environments which all school districts were required under 6-18-508 to have
30 in place by the 1995-96 school year. Instead, adult education should be
31 recognized and utilized as a valuable tool for those students whose
32 educational interests can best be served by the program.

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34 SECTION 2. (a) In addition to other duties as set forth by law, it
35 shall be the responsibility of a referring school district granting a waiver
36 of Arkansas Code 6-18-201 to a student age sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) to

1 enroll in an adult education program to maintain administrative and clerical
 2 records on the student as supplied by the adult education program.

3 (b) In addition to other duties as set forth by law, it shall be the
 4 responsibility of a local adult education program that accepts a student age
 5 sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) into the program to:

6 (1) Establish and enforce enrollment, attendance, and discipline
 7 policies;

8 (2) Provide for student orientation, parent conferences, and other
 9 related activities;

10 (3) Provide academic instruction in basic education for a minimum
 11 of twenty (20) hours per week for each student;

12 (4) Provide required reports and student information to referring
 13 school districts; and

14 (5) Make available opportunities for students sixteen (16) or
 15 seventeen (17) years of age to take the General Educational Development (GED)
 16 test when all requirements to do so have been met.

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18 SECTION 3. (a) Reimbursement shall accrue to the Vocational and
 19 Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education twice a
 20 year, by December 15 and May 15 of each year, for allocation to local adult
 21 education programs on a per student basis for each sixteen (16) or seventeen
 22 (17) year old student enrolled (twelve (12) hours or more) as defined by the
 23 Adult Education Act, P.L. 100-297, as amended by the National Literacy Act of
 24 1991, P.L. 102-73. Reimbursement shall be based on the statewide adult
 25 education cost per student for the previous year.

26 (b) Such monies shall be utilized by local adult education programs for
 27 the benefit of sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) year old students for:

28 (1) Administrative costs;

29 (2) Teacher salaries;

30 (3) Supplies and other instructional needs; and

31 (4) Facilities.

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33 SECTION 4. 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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1 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
2 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
3 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
4 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
5 act are declared to be severable.

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

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