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A Bill

Call Item 4

HOUSE BILL 1154

5 By: Representative Mahony
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT
10 PROVIDE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY
11 TO ENROLL IN AT LEAST ONE (1) ADVANCED PLACEMENT
12 COURSE IN THE FOUR (4) CORE AREAS OF ENGLISH,
13 MATH, SCIENCE, AND SOCIAL STUDIES; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 TO REQUIRE THAT ADVANCED PLACEMENT
17 COURSES BE AVAILABLE IN THE FOUR (4)
18 CORE AREAS IN HIGH SCHOOL.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, is amended to add an
25 additional subchapter to read as follows:

26 6-16-1201. Purpose.

27 To ensure that each student has an adequate education, the General
28 Assembly finds that each student should have access to a rigorous and
29 substantially equal curriculum.
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31 6-16-1202. Definitions.

32 As used in this subchapter:

33 (1) "Advanced Placement course" means a high school level
34 preparatory course for a college Advanced Placement test that:

35 (A) Incorporates all topics specified by the College Board
36 and Educational Testing Service on its standards syllabus for a given subject



1 area; and

2 (B) Is approved by the College Board and Educational
3 Testing Service.

4 (2) "Concurrent enrollment course" means a college level course
5 or courses offered by an institution of higher education which upon
6 completion would qualify for academic credit in both the institution of
7 higher education and a public high school.

8 (3) "Pre-Advanced Placement course" means a middle school,
9 junior high school, or high school level course that specifically prepares
10 students to enroll and to participate in an advanced course.

11 (4) "Vertical team" means a group of educators from different
12 grade levels in a given discipline who work cooperatively to develop and
13 implement a vertically aligned program aimed at helping students from diverse
14 backgrounds acquire the academic skills necessary for success in the Advanced
15 Placement Program and other challenging coursework.

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17 6-16-1203. Teacher training.

18 (a) A teacher of an Advanced Placement course must obtain appropriate
19 training.

20 (b)(1) The State Board of Education shall establish clear, specific,
21 and challenging training guidelines that require teachers of College Board
22 Advanced Placement courses and teachers of Pre-Advanced Placement courses to
23 obtain College Board sponsored or endorsed training.

24 (2) The training may include vertical team training.

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26 6-16-1204. Implementation of Advanced Placement courses.

27 (a) In order to prepare students for the rigor inherent in Advanced
28 Placement courses, school districts shall offer Pre-Advanced Placement
29 courses to prepare students for the demands of Advanced Placement coursework.

30 (b) The Department of Education shall:

31 (1) Approve all classes designated as Pre-Advanced Placement
32 courses; and

33 (2) Develop rules necessary for the implementation of Advanced
34 Placement courses.

35 (c) Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, all school districts
36 shall offer one (1) College Board Advanced Placement course in each of the

1 four (4) core areas of math, English, science, and social studies for a total
2 of four (4) courses.

3 (d)(1) The requirement under subsection (c) of this section shall be
4 phased in over a period of four (4) years beginning with the 2005-2006 school
5 year.

6 (2) Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, all high schools
7 in Arkansas shall offer a minimum of four (4) Advanced Placement courses by
8 adding at least one (1) core course each year to the list of courses
9 available to high school students.

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11 6-16-1205. Concurrent Enrollment Course Approval Panel.

12 (a) There is established a panel to be known as the "Concurrent
13 Enrollment Course Approval Panel".

14 (b) The panel shall consist of six (6) members as follows:

15 (1) Three (3) persons appointed by the Director of the Department
16 of Education; and

17 (2) Three (3) persons appointed by the Director of the
18 Department of Higher Education.

19 (c) The appointed panel members shall be:

20 (1) Knowledgeable regarding advanced placement coursework or
21 concurrent enrollment coursework; and

22 (2) Residents of the State of Arkansas at the time of
23 appointment and throughout his or her term.

24 (d) Members shall serve at the pleasure of the director making his or
25 her appointment.

26 (e) If a vacancy occurs in an appointed position, for any reason, the
27 vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the director of the department that
28 made the original appointment.

29 (f)(1) A member of the panel appointed by the Director of the
30 Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education shall
31 alternate serving as chairperson of the panel each year.

32 (2) The Director of the Department of Education and the
33 Department of Higher Education shall alternate each year naming a person to
34 serve as chairperson of the panel.

35 (3) The Director of the Department of Education and the
36 Department of Higher Education shall draw lots to determine which director

1 shall first appoint a chairperson.

2 (g)(1) The panel shall meet at times and places the chairperson deems
3 necessary, but no meetings shall be held outside of the State of Arkansas.

4 (2) A majority of the members of the panel shall constitute a
5 quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

6 (3) All action of the panel shall be by a majority vote of the
7 full membership of the panel.

8 (h) For the purpose of access and equity, the panel shall make
9 recommendations to the Department of Education and the Department of Higher
10 Education regarding the rules for offering of Advance Placement courses or
11 concurrent enrollment courses, or both.

12 (i) The Department of Higher Education and the Department of Education
13 may jointly promulgate rules for offering of Advance Placement courses or
14 concurrent enrollment courses, or both based upon the recommendations of the
15 panel.

16 (j)(1) The Department of Higher Education shall provide staff and
17 office space to the panel.

18 (2)(A) Members of the panel shall serve without pay.

19 (B) Members of the panel may receive expense reimbursement
20 in accordance with Arkansas Code § 25-16-902, to be paid by the Department of
21 Higher Education to the extent money is available.

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23 6-16-1206. Exemption.

24 Any high school offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma
25 Program shall be exempt from the provisions of this subchapter.

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27 /s/ Mahony
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