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Call Item 4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 57

5 By: Senator Holt
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PARENTS TO CONSULT A STUDENT'S
10 GUIDANCE COUNSELOR REGARDING COLLEGE PREPARATION
11 CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO THE
12 BEGINNING OF THE STUDENT'S NINTH GRADE YEAR; AND
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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19 THE STUDENT'S NINTH GRADE YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. (a) For purposes of this section, "parent" means:

26 (1) A natural parent with legal custody of a child; or

27 (2) A person with whom the child resides, if the person is a
28 stepparent, a legal guardian, a person in loco parentis, or a person who has
29 legal custody of a child under a court order.

30 (b)(1) If a school is located in a school district that has been
31 designated as a school district in academic distress, prior to the student's
32 first day of class in grade nine (9), the high school guidance counselor at
33 the school shall schedule an individual meeting with the parent of each
34 student in the district entering grade nine (9), and the parents of the
35 student shall meet with the high school guidance counselor.

36 (2) During the meeting, the guidance counselor shall provide the



1 parent with information regarding:

2 (A) The current minimum high school grade-point average
3 and course curriculum requirements for graduation and for unconditional
4 admission to any public four-year institution of higher education in the
5 state;

6 (B) Upon request of the parent, the minimum high school
7 grade-point average and course curriculum requirements for unconditional
8 admission to any public two-year, community, or junior college institution in
9 the state; and

10 (C) Upon request of any party present at the meeting,
11 minimum high school course curriculum requirements for unconditional
12 admission to any public technical institute in the state shall also be
13 outlined.

14 (c) During the meeting, but after receiving the information provided
15 in subsection (b) of this section, the parent shall register the student in
16 his or her ninth grade courses.

17 (d) The meeting with the guidance counselor under this section, shall
18 be scheduled at a date and time agreed upon by both the guidance counselor
19 and the parent child, but before the beginning of the student's ninth grade
20 year.

21 (e) The student may attend any meeting scheduled under this section.

22 (f) Parents of a student in grade nine (9) or grade ten (10)
23 transferring from another state shall meet with the counselor as required
24 under this section for ninth grade students.

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