1   State of Arkansas

2   91st General Assembly   A Bill

3   Regular Session, 2017   HOUSE BILL 1610

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5   By: Representative Tucker

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7   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8   AN ACT TO PROVIDE ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE PROGRAMS

9   LOCATED WITHIN A SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDING EQUAL TO THE

10   FOUNDATION FUNDING AMOUNT FOR EACH EARLY GRADUATE OF

11   THE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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14   **Subtitle**

15   TO PROVIDE ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE

16   PROGRAMS LOCATED WITHIN A SCHOOL DISTRICT

17   FUNDING EQUAL TO THE FOUNDATION FUNDING

18   AMOUNT FOR EACH EARLY GRADUATE OF THE

19   PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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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 § 6-45-106, concerning the Arkansas Better

25   Chance Program, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as

26   follows:

27   (d)(1) As used in this section, "early graduate" means a student who

28   graduated from high school before the beginning of grade twelve (12).

29   (2) Annually by July 1, each school district shall report to the

30   Department of Education the number of early graduates in the public school

31   district during the previous academic year.

32   (3) For each early graduate from a public school district, the

33   Department of Education shall distribute to an Arkansas Better Chance early

34   childhood program located within the geographic area of the public school

35   district an amount equal to the foundation funding amount under § 6-20-

36   2305(a) for the early graduate for each grade in which the early graduate

1   would have been enrolled had the early graduate been enrolled in the public

2   school district through grade twelve (12).

3   (4) The Department of Education shall promulgate rules that

4   establish the criteria for distributing the funding under subdivision (d)(3)

5   of this section.

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