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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1558

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING ADULT EDUCATION PUBLIC CHARTER
9 SCHOOLS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ADULT EDUCATION
10 PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ENSURE THAT MORE THAN ONE
11 (1) ADULT EDUCATION PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL MAY OPERATE
12 IN THIS STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ADULT
16 EDUCATION PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS TO
17 ENSURE THAT MORE THAN ONE (1) ADULT
18 EDUCATION PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL MAY
19 OPERATE IN THIS STATE.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-23-1001(b)(2), concerning a nonprofit
26 entity's application for an adult education charter school, is amended to
27 read as follows:

28 (2)(A) Pledge to commit at least one million dollars
29 (\$1,000,000) to the adult education public charter school, if approved.

30 (B) Up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the commitment may
31 be in-kind~~+~~.

32 (C) A nonprofit entity that is opening an additional adult
33 education public charter school under this section is not required to commit
34 one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the additional adult education public
35 charter school if it has already pledged to commit at least one million
36 dollars (\$1,000,000) to an adult education public charter school under



1 subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section;

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 3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-23-1002 is amended to read as follows:
 4 6-23-1002. Authorization for adult education public charter.

5 The authorizer shall review ~~the~~ an application for an adult education
 6 public charter school ~~pilot program~~ and may approve an application that:

7 (1) Provides an acceptable plan for meeting the industry needs
 8 for a sufficiently trained workforce in the state;

9 (2) Includes a set of performance criteria objectives for the
 10 terms of the charter and the means for measuring the performance criteria
 11 objectives on a yearly basis;

12 (3) Includes a comprehensive strategy for engaging the
 13 community, including without limitation business leaders, in the process of
 14 meeting the goals and objectives of the adult education public charter;

15 (4) Includes an agreement to provide an annual report to the
 16 community that indicates the progress made by the adult education public
 17 charter school in meeting the performance criteria objectives during the
 18 previous year; and

19 (5) Includes an appropriate budget and governance plan.
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21 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-23-1003 is amended to read as follows:
 22 6-23-1003. Resubmission of applications.

23 (a) The authorizer may allow an applicant to resubmit ~~the~~ an
 24 application for an adult education public charter school if the original
 25 application was, in the opinion of the authorizer, deficient in one (1) or
 26 more respects.

27 (b) The Department of Education may provide technical assistance to
 28 ~~the~~ an adult education public charter school applicant in the creation or
 29 modification of its application.
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 32 **APPROVED: 4/12/19**
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