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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 235

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION; AND TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING ALTERNATE RETIREMENT PLANS.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 235

Amend Senate Bill No. 235 as originally introduced:

Page 3, delete lines 6 through 9, and substitute the following:

"(b) The vocational center aid under subdivision (b)(2)(B)(i)(a) of this section shall be determined by the Division of Career and Technical Education, in consultation with the Office of Skills Development, and approved by the ~~Career Education and Workforce Development Board~~ State Board of Education.

AND

Page 5, delete lines 34 through 36, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 18. Arkansas Code § 6-51-302 is amended to read as follows:
6-51-302. Approval of center establishment.

(a) ~~The State Board of Career Education may approve the establishment of~~ State Board of Education shall review recommendations from the Career Education and Workforce Development Board to establish new vocational centers to serve high school students from several school districts in locations where services are needed to:

- (1) Support economic, industrial, and employment development efforts;
- (2) Provide equity and substantially equal access to quality vocational programs; and
- (3) Improve school programs to assist schools in meeting accreditation standards.

(b) ~~The board~~ State Board of Education shall approve only centers which utilize existing vocational education resources such as facilities, equipment, etc., except in those geographic areas in which comprehensive vocational offerings have not been developed and the ~~state board~~ State Board of Education determines that those resources must be developed to accomplish the above purposes.



(c) If a postsecondary vocational-technical school or two-year college which operates a secondary vocational center merges or consolidates with a public institution of higher education, the secondary vocational center may continue to be administered by the institution of higher education involved in the merger or consolidation.

(d) The provisions of this section are contingent on the appropriation of funding necessary to allow the State Board of Education to carry out the duties assigned to the State Board of Education under this section.

(e) All existing vocational centers may be reviewed by the State Board of Education at the discretion of the State Board of Education.

(f) The Office of Skills Development shall provide annually a report to the State Board of Education on the financial viability of vocational centers, enrollment, programs, and the success of students."

AND

Page 6, delete lines 1 through 8

AND

Page 7, delete lines 25 through 29, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 20. Arkansas Code § 6-51-801(a), concerning criteria for secondary vocational centers, is amended to read as follows:

(a) ~~The State Board of Career Education~~ State Board of Education shall ~~establish~~ review criteria established by the Career Education and Workforce Development Board that must be met by any secondary vocational center requesting permission to become a community-based education center.

SECTION 21. Arkansas Code § 6-51-801, concerning criteria for secondary vocational centers, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e) A list of new and existing programs shall be published annually on the Division of Career and Technical Education's and Office of Skills Development's website."

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

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