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7 Filed with: Interim House Committee on Education
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE COLLEGE AND CAREER COACHES*
11 *PROGRAM; TO ASSURE THAT ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES SEVEN*
12 *THROUGH TWELVE (7-12) HAVE ACCESS TO A COLLEGE AND*
13 *CAREER COACH FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING ASSISTANCE*
14 *IN PREPARING FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND CAREERS*
15 *AFTER HIGH SCHOOL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

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19 *TO ESTABLISH THE COLLEGE AND CAREER*
20 *COACHES PROGRAM; TO ASSURE ACCESS TO A*
21 *COLLEGE AND CAREER COACH FOR ALL STUDENTS*
22 *IN GRADES SEVEN THROUGH TWELVE (7-12).*

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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 1, is amended to add an*
28 *additional subchapter to read as follows:*

29 *Subchapter 6 - College and Career Coaches Program*

30 *6-1-601. Findings.*

31 *The General Assembly finds that:*

32 *(1) Highly skilled and educated people who can handle demanding*
33 *jobs and generate new ideas are necessary for Arkansas to prosper in a global*
34 *economy;*

35 *(2) Only eighteen percent (18%) of Arkansans twenty-five (25)*
36 *years of age and older hold a baccalaureate degree and Arkansas is ranked*

1 49th in the nation for adults who hold a baccalaureate degree, creating a
2 detriment to the success of the state;

3 (3) Many students leave high school:

4 (A) Without a true plan for his or her education,
5 training, and career beyond high school;

6 (B) Unaware or do not understand the preparation and
7 process required for success after high school graduation; and

8 (C) Failing to recognize the value of secondary education
9 leading to drop-out rates that are too high; and

10 (4) It has a responsibility to assist the citizens of Arkansas
11 in advancing and prospering by establishing a College and Career Coaches
12 Program that shall assist students by:

13 (A) Intervening at the middle school and high school
14 level;

15 (B) Better assisting students with developing and
16 maintaining dynamic career plans;

17 (C) Exposing students to various opportunities for careers
18 and education after high school; and

19 (D) Assisting students with understanding the process for
20 pursuing postsecondary education and financial assistance.

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22 6-1-602. Program administration.

23 (a) The Department of Career Education, in partnership with the
24 Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education, shall develop
25 and administer the College and Career Coaches Programs.

26 (b) The Department of Career Education, the division manager for
27 Arkansas Works, and at least three (3) managers, shall manage the College and
28 Career Coaches Programs and:

29 (1) Provide guidelines and procedures for implementing College
30 and Career Coaches Programs;

31 (2) Develop, coordinate, and offer training opportunities for
32 college and career coaches;

33 (3) Monitor each College and Career Coaches Programs by onsite
34 technical assistance visits at least one (1) time every five (5) years;

35 (4) Create and maintain a record-keeping system for the
36 collecting of performance measures and reports; and

1 (5) Prepare annual reports that may be shared with members of
2 the:

3 (A) Governor's Workforce Cabinet;

4 (B) General Assembly; and

5 (C) Governor's office.

6 (c) Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, college and career coaches
7 shall be placed in each middle school and high school as part of the College
8 and Career Coaches Program to complement and enhance existing college and
9 career planning services and activities currently administered in each middle
10 school and high school.

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12 6-1-603. College and career coaches -- Duties -- Supervision.

13 (a) A college and career coach shall:

14 (1) Hold a baccalaureate degree; and

15 (2) Complete the required Career Development Facilitator
16 Training within one (1) year of hiring.

17 (b) The college and career coaches shall be stationed at an
18 institution of higher education or an education service cooperative and shall
19 provide services and support directly to students in middle school and high
20 school including, without limitation:

21 (1) Assisting the career orientation instructor with the
22 development of college and career plans for students;

23 (2) Assisting the school counselor with college and career
24 planning resources and revising college and career plans for each student
25 annually, beginning in grade nine (9);

26 (3) Offering high school students college and career planning
27 services and activities that combine counseling on career options and
28 experiential learning with academic planning to assist the student with his
29 or her college and career plans;

30 (4) Encouraging parental participation by scheduling annual
31 parent sessions, beginning with students in grade seven (7), to assist
32 parents and students to understand the college and career planning process;

33 (5) Providing parents and high school students with information
34 about career and technology education program opportunities available in
35 Arkansas and the level of education and skill required to be successful in
36 various career fields;

1 (6) Preparing high school students with information and
2 preparation on financing a postsecondary education;

3 (7) Assisting schools in promoting the goals of quality career
4 development of students in grades seven through twelve (7-12);

5 (8) Supporting students in middle school and high school in
6 exploration of career clusters and the selection of an area of academic focus
7 with a cluster of study;

8 (9) Improving and promoting career development and college
9 planning opportunities within school districts and communities;

10 (10) Attending continuing education programs on the certified
11 career development facilitator curriculum sponsored by the state;

12 (11) Coordinating with school counselors and school
13 administration on career day events, career classes, career programming,
14 college planning, and financial aid activities;

15 (12) Coordinating community resources and citizens representing
16 diverse occupations to provide career development activities for parents and
17 students; and

18 (13) Assisting the online based career guidance and college
19 planning systems.

20 (c)(1) An institution of higher education or an education service
21 cooperative with a College and Career Coaches Program shall assign an onsite
22 supervisor who is:

23 (A) Responsible for supervising the College and Career
24 Coaches Program locally; and

25 (B) A liaison between the institution of higher education
26 or the education service cooperative and the Department of Career Education.

27 (2) The Department of Career Education, through the division
28 manager for Arkansas Works, and the onsite supervisor are responsible for
29 evaluating the performance of each college and career coach.

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31 6-1-604. College and career coach ratio.

32 (a) Each school district shall have one (1) college and career coach
33 for every five hundred (500) middle school and high school students in the
34 school district.

1 (b) An institution of higher education or an education service
2 cooperative with a College and Career Coaches Program shall work with school
3 districts to determine the number of college and career coaches needed.

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5 6-1-605. Program effectiveness and measurement.

6 (a)(1) The College and Career Coaches Program shall use performance
7 measures to evaluate the effectiveness of the program on students served,
8 including increases in:

9 (A) High school graduation rates;

10 (B) Completion of the Smart Core curriculum;

11 (C) College attendance rate; and

12 (D) Applications for financial aid.

13 (2) The Department of Education and the Department of Higher
14 Education shall collect and report performance measure data to determine the
15 effectiveness of the program.

16 (b)(1) Annually, each college and career coach shall submit a report
17 to the division manager for Arkansas Works describing his or her student
18 contacts and programs and services provided.

19 (2) Failure to provide the report required under subdivision
20 (b)(1) of this section may result in the loss of funding for the program.

21 (c)(1) A college and career coach who fails to meet his or her
22 performance goals shall be placed on a one (1) year improvement plan
23 developed by the division manager for Arkansas Works.

24 (2) Failure to show satisfactory improvement after the one (1)
25 year improvement plan period may result in loss of funding for the program.

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27 /s/Mayberry
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33 Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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