

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Senator Russ**

A BILL ACT 825 OF 1991
SENATE BILL 513

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED TITLE 6, CHAPTER
9 15, SUBCHAPTER 6, SECTION 6-15-603(a), (b), AND (c),
10 RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION OF EXEMPLARY SCHOOL PROGRAMS;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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15 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated 6-15-603(a) is hereby amended to
16 read as follows:

17 "6-15-603. Exemplary school programs.

18 (a) To encourage greater effort on the part of schools and school
19 districts to meet the National Education Goals and to make possible the
20 sharing of these exemplary programs with other schools or school districts, a
21 program of research and development grants for schools or school districts
22 shall be established.

23 (1) Schools or school districts throughout the State shall be
24 invited to submit applications for such grants, not to exceed ten thousand
25 dollars (\$10,000) annually.

26 (2) The State Recognition Panel shall screen the applications
27 and make awards based on criteria which will include the following:

28 (A) The program must be designed to stimulate a
29 significant increase in the level of student performance in one or more
30 content areas through the use of new and creative methods;

31 (B) The program must have implications for use beyond the
32 school or school district in which it is developed;

33 (C) The program must be designed to meet desired learner
34 outcomes; and

35 (D) The program must be different from those already
36 available and in use, although it may involve a new combination of these."

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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated 6-15-603(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(b) At the end of the school year, program(s) that have proved to stimulate a significant increase in the performance levels of students shall be selected by the State Recognition Panel to become part of a state exemplary education network."

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Annotated 6-15-603(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(c) The school(s) or school district(s) that developed the exemplary program(s) selected to become part of this network shall receive additional research grants not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to develop training and materials which will allow the exemplary program(s) to be disseminated to other schools or school districts."

SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED: 3/27/91