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1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1993**  
4 **By: Senator Lewellen**

# A Bill

**ACT 923 OF 1993**  
**SENATE BILL 821**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 6-45-105 TO  
9 AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL EDUCATION DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT  
10 OF EDUCATION TO SPEND A MAXIMUM OF TWO PERCENT (2%) OF  
11 AVAILABLE FUNDS TO ADMINISTER THE ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE  
12 PROGRAM AND MONITOR ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE GRANTEES; AND  
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

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16 "TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SPEND A  
17 MAXIMUM OF 2% OF AVAILABLE FUNDS TO ADMINISTER THE ABC  
18 PROGRAM AND MONITOR ABC GRANTEES."

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

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-45-105 is hereby amended to read as  
23 follows:

24 "6-45-105. Establishment of the Arkansas Better Chance Program.

25 (a) The department shall establish the Arkansas Better Chance Program  
26 to assist in the establishment and funding of the appropriate early childhood  
27 programs for children ages three through five (3-5). Beginning with the  
28 1991-92 school year, the department shall award grants or contracts to  
29 appropriate early childhood programs selected by the department in accordance  
30 with specified programmatic standards. These standards will be developed by  
31 the department, with the advice and assistance of the Arkansas Early Childhood  
32 Commission. Standards for funding Home Instruction Program for Preschool  
33 Youngsters (HIPPY) programs will be developed in conjunction with the Arkansas  
34 HIPPY Advisory Board. *The HIPPY Regional Technical Assistance and Training*  
35 *Center shall be defined and funded as an integral part of the HIPPY program to*  
36 *provide necessary training, technical assistance, and program support to*

1 program sites in Arkansas. The programmatic standards and other rules and  
2 regulations necessary for the implementation of this program shall be adopted  
3 by the State Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of the  
4 Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

5 (b) The department is hereby authorized to expend a maximum of two  
6 percent (2%) of available funds to administer the Arkansas Better Chance  
7 Program and to monitor Arkansas Better Chance grantees to insure compliance  
8 with programmatic standards."  
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10 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
11 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
12 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.  
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14 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
15 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
16 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
17 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
18 act are declared to be severable.  
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20 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
21 hereby repealed.

22 /s/ Senator Lewellen  
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24 APPROVED: 4/7/93  
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