

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 82nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1999

A Bill

Act 1158 of 1999
SENATE BILL 757

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5 By: Senator Mahony
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-51-902 PERTAINING TO
10 POSTSECONDARY VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

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14 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-51-902
15 PERTAINING TO POSTSECONDARY VOCATIONAL
16 AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION. "

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

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21 SECTION 1.. Arkansas Code 6-51-902 is amended to read as follows.

22 "~~6-51-902. Report on converting process.~~ Accountability measures and
23 performance indicators.

24 (a)(1) All postsecondary vocational -technical schools, technical
25 institutes, and comprehensive lifelong learning centers within the State of
26 Arkansas shall present to ~~the State Board of Vocational Education and the~~
27 ~~Vocational and Technical Education Division of the Department of Education a~~
28 ~~report reflecting satisfactory progress which the school is making in the~~
29 ~~process of converting to a technical institute under § 6-51-905, or a~~
30 ~~comprehensive lifelong learning center under § 6-51-906~~ the State Board of
31 Workforce Education and Career Opportunities and the Department of Workforce
32 Education a report reflecting a satisfactory level of performance based system
33 of accountability measures and performance indicators as defined herein.

34 (2) The report shall be filed with the ~~State Board of Vocational~~
35 ~~Education and the Vocational and Technical Education Division~~ State Board of
36 Workforce Education and Career Opportunities and the Department of Workforce

1 Education annually.

2 ~~(b) Conversion under this subchapter must occur within six (6) years~~
 3 ~~from March 26, 1991.~~ In order to promote a coordinated system of
 4 postsecondary vocational and technical education in Arkansas and to provide an
 5 effective delivery system, the State Board of Workforce Education and Career
 6 Opportunities shall:

7 (1) Review, evaluate, and coordinate budget requests for the
 8 institutions in the system; and

9 (2) Develop a system of accountability measures and performance
 10 indicators to be used as the basis for budget requests. The system of
 11 accountability measures and performance indicators shall incorporate, as a
 12 minimum, the following:

13 (A) Student attainment of academic and vocational technical
 14 skill proficiencies;

15 (B) Student attainment of a diploma, skill certificate, or
 16 recognized postsecondary credential;

17 (C) Placement, retention, and completion of postsecondary
 18 or advanced training, employment or military service;

19 (D) Participation and completion of programs of
 20 nontraditional training and employment;

21 (E) Cost effectiveness as measured by cost per contact hour
 22 of instruction;

23 (F) Business and industry services as measured by the
 24 number of contact hours of instruction for specific business and industry
 25 courses;

26 (G) The degree to which local support has been obtained by
 27 the institution as evidenced by private sector cash and in-kind donations;
 28 support from local units of government; foundations and other such non-state
 29 sources as may be appropriate.

30 ~~(c) With the exception of a special funding appropriation, all state~~
 31 ~~funds shall be distributed~~ requested by the State Board of Vocational
 32 ~~Education~~ State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities to the
 33 technical institutes, postsecondary vocational-technical schools, and
 34 comprehensive lifelong learning centers based on a funding formula to be
 35 developed and approved by the board and shall ~~include such items as~~
 36 ~~enrollment, instruction, student services, instructional support, maintenance~~

1 ~~and operation, utilities, equipment, staff benefits, and longevity~~ be based
 2 upon the accountability measures and performance indicators enumerated in this
 3 section.

4 (d) Upon the failure to find that satisfactory progress is being made by
 5 the school, the ~~State Board of Vocational Education~~ State Board of Workforce
 6 Education and Career Opportunities shall dissolve the operation of the school
 7 or convert the school to an adult education center, a secondary vocational
 8 center, or other appropriate role and function.

9 (e)(1) For purposes of standardized reporting and accountability only,
 10 the State Board of ~~Vocational Education~~ Workforce Education and Career
 11 Opportunity, after consultation with the ~~State Board of Higher Education~~
 12 Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board., shall develop for all
 13 postsecondary vocational schools, technical institutes, and comprehensive
 14 lifelong learning centers a reporting system for headcount and full time
 15 equivalency enrollment which is consistent with policies followed by the ~~State~~
 16 ~~Board of Higher Education~~ Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

17 (2) Riverside Vocational and Technical School shall be exempt
 18 from all provisions of this subchapter except this section and shall remain a
 19 postsecondary vocational-technical school as presently structured under the
 20 ~~State Board of Vocational Education~~ State Board of Workforce Education and
 21 Career Opportunities."

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 23 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
 24 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
 25 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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 27 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
 28 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
 29 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
 30 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
 31 act are declared to be severable.

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 33 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
 34 hereby repealed.

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 36 APPROVED: 4/6/1999