For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REPEAL ARKANSAS CODE § 10-3-1002 CONCERNING AN ANNUAL EVALUATION OF VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL COURSES BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 10-3-1002 is repealed.

10-3-1002. Annual evaluation of vocational-technical courses.

(a)(1) The Legislative Council, the House Committee on Education, and the Senate Committee on Education annually shall study the courses offered to students participating in and benefiting from the area vocational-technical schools, and such other data as will enable the Legislative Council and the committees to evaluate the cost per student classroom hour for each course or area of instruction.

(2) The studies and evaluation shall be for the purpose of enabling the Legislative Council, the House Committee on Education, and the
Senate Committee on Education, the State Board of Education, each school involved, and the General Assembly to periodically review the courses offered at each school, the relative benefits derived from these courses, and for finding alternative methods of providing these courses more economically, either through area vocational-technical schools, mobile vocational-technical units, area vocational-technical high schools, or the public schools.

(b) Each area vocational-technical school is directed to cooperate with the Legislative Council, the House Committee on Education, and the Senate Committee on Education in furnishing such data and records as may be requested by the Legislative Council, the House Committee on Education, and the Senate Committee on Education reflecting information needed to make the studies and evaluations provided in this section and shall especially include:

(1) Daily records of attendance of students at each course offered;

(2) Cost data reflecting the cost per student classroom hour of instruction received per student;

(3) Follow-up placement data on students who graduate from courses indicating the types of employment of the former students and whether the employments are in a field for which the students received instruction or training. The placement data shall also reflect the city and state of employment;

(4) Such additional student data and operating cost as may be necessary to enable the Legislative Council, the House Committee on Education, and the Senate Committee on Education to evaluate the courses of instruction offered, the per student cost per classroom hour of instruction, and the relative benefits of the instruction in placing the student in gainful employment upon completion of the course of instruction.

(c) The Legislative Council, the House Committee on Education, and the Senate Committee on Education are authorized to promulgate standard and uniform forms and regulations to be followed by the various area vocational-technical schools in compiling and furnishing information required in this section.

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