

Act 475 of the 1989 Regular Session.

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HB1550

By: Representatives Stephens and McCuiston

"AN ACT TO PERMIT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CHARGE FEES FOR SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS THAT ARE OPTIONAL FOR STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the State of Arkansas provide free public schools for the citizens of this state as provided by law and by the Constitution of Arkansas. However, it is sometimes desirable for a school district to offer optional courses outside the regular school term for students who desire to enroll. These courses which are also offered in the regular school term, are provided as a convenience to students who need to make up work or want to earn extra credits. School districts should be authorized to charge a fee for such optional courses in order to encourage additional offerings outside the regular school term.

SECTION 2. (a) Public schools are hereby authorized to operate optional school programs during the summer, or at other times when the regular school classes are not in session, and to charge fees to students for participating in the programs. If credit is given for the courses taken in the optional programs, the teachers shall meet certification requirements for the courses taught; and the number of hours that classes are in session shall meet the same requirements in effect for the same courses taught in the regular term.

(b) No fee shall be charged a student whose enrollment in an optional course is made to fulfill the requirements of Arkansas Code 6-15-409, which requires supplemental instruction to be provided to students who fail the eighth grade basic competency test.

SECTION 3. 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 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED: March 10, 1989

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