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A BILL ACT 228 OF 1991
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4 **By: Representatives Hogue, Lipton, George, Bryan,**
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY BASED
10 EDUCATION CENTERS TO EXPAND THE OPERATION OF EXISTING
11 SECONDARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE CENTERS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."

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

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16 SECTION 1. Community Based Education Centers.

17 (a) The State Board of Vocational Education shall establish criteria
18 that must be met by any secondary vocational center requesting permission to
19 become a community based education center. The board shall periodically
20 review and revise, if necessary, this community based education center
21 criteria. Such centers may include offerings of traditional vocational
22 education during regular school hours, extended day programs so that students
23 may attend the center for vocational instruction after regular school hours,
24 ABE/GAE programs, adult skill training and/or retraining for the general
25 population, industry start-up and retraining, and workplace literacy.

26 (b) Any secondary vocational center which satisfies the criteria
27 established by the board pursuant to this section may, in accordance with
28 procedures to be adopted by the board, seek approval from the board to become
29 a community based education center. Upon approval by the board of any such
30 application, the school may change its name to _____ Community Based
31 Education Center.

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33 SECTION 2. State Board Policy. The State Board of Vocational
34 Education shall establish policy for community based education centers in such
35 areas as: fees, operating and capital budgets, allocation of funds,
36 instructional programs and related criteria for the operation of community

1 based education centers, degrees and certificates, academic and programmatic
2 standards.

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4 SECTION 3. Application. Following publication by the State Board of
5 Vocational Education of criteria required to qualify for designation as a
6 community based education center, local educational agencies may develop a
7 budget proposal for submission to the State Board for funding consideration.
8 In-so-far as possible, the Board shall distribute the funds in as equitable a
9 manner as possible while maintaining the best utilization of funds as
10 appropriated by the General Assembly.

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12 SECTION 4. Criteria. The State Board shall relate to the community
13 based education centers as a coordinating board. Furthermore, the governing
14 board of a community based education center is encouraged to create a general
15 advisory council. Such council shall provide advice on programs of the
16 school, including data that reflects the needs of business and industry served
17 by the community based education center. Upon request by the community based
18 education center, the State Council on Vocational Education shall provide such
19 assistance as may be required to establish a general advisory council.

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21 SECTION 5. Service Board. The board which currently owns the property
22 and capital equipment of any existing community based education center is
23 authorized to retain ownership of such properties. Provided however,
24 ownership of such properties may, by vote of the board, be restructured.
25 Furthermore, the board of the host school is encouraged to create a board
26 composed of superintendents of all schools sending students to the community
27 based education center. Such board may act as a governing board for the
28 community based education center. Furthermore, such boards are encouraged to
29 have members that are representative of business and industry in the community
30 based education centers service area.

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32 SECTION 6. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature
33 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
34 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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