

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.**

1 State of Arkansas  
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*As Engrossed: S3/5/01*  
**A Bill**

**Act 819 of 2001**  
**HOUSE BILL 1530**

5 By: Representative Green  
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**For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL OF  
10 A VOCATIONAL CENTER; TO CORRECT REFERENCES TO THE  
11 STATE BOARD OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND CAREER  
12 OPPORTUNITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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**Subtitle**

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15 APPROVAL OF A VOCATIONAL CENTER; TO  
16 CORRECT REFERENCES TO THE STATE BOARD OF  
17 WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND CAREER  
18 OPPORTUNITIES.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-51-301(b), pertaining to proposed new  
25 vocational centers, is amended to read as follows:

26 (b) Such a request for a proposed new center must provide the necessary  
27 information and assurances according to the guidelines for approval of new  
28 centers established by the ~~State Board of Vocational Education~~ State Board of  
29 Workforce Education and Career Opportunities.  
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 6-51-302, pertaining to approval of vocational  
32 centers establishments, is amended to read as follows:

33 6-51-302. Approval of center establishment.

34 (a) The State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities may  
35 approve the establishment of vocational centers to serve high school students  
36 from several school districts in locations where services are needed to:

1 (1) Support economic, industrial, and employment development  
2 efforts;

3 (2) Provide equity and substantially equal access to quality  
4 vocational programs; and

5 (3) Improve school programs to assist schools in meeting  
6 accreditation standards.

7 ~~(b) A comprehensive high school, a postsecondary technical institute or  
8 vocational technical school, a community or two-year college, or a school  
9 established by an education service cooperative which shall plan to offer five  
10 (5) or more occupation specific vocational technical programs may be approved  
11 as a center by the board.~~

12 ~~(c)(b)~~ The board shall only approve centers which utilize existing  
13 vocational education resources such as facilities, equipment, etc., except in  
14 those geographic areas in which comprehensive vocational offerings have not  
15 been developed and the state board determines that those resources must be  
16 developed to accomplish the above purposes.

17 (c) If a postsecondary vocational-technical school or two-year college,  
18 which operates a secondary vocational center, merges or consolidates with a  
19 public institution of higher education, the secondary vocational center may  
20 continue to be administered by the institution of higher education involved in  
21 the merger or consolidation.

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23 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 6-51-303 is amended to read as follows:  
24 6-51-303. Administration.

25 (a) The management, maintenance, and operation of a center shall be the  
26 responsibility of the local school or institution approved by the ~~State Board~~  
27 ~~of Vocational Education~~ State Board of Workforce Education and Career  
28 Opportunities to be the center.

29 (b) A center shall be administered in accordance with the guidelines  
30 and policies established by the ~~State Board of Vocational Education~~ State  
31 Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities.

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33 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 6-51-305(b)(2), pertaining to financing  
34 vocational centers, is amended to read as follows:

35 (2) Any funds received by an institution or school district operating a  
36 vocational center either from tuition or from state funds unexpended at the

1 end of the school year shall be carried forward for the sole purpose of  
2 conducting summer programs and community-based education centers or supporting  
3 vocational center operations in succeeding years.

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5 *SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General*  
6 *Assembly that that it is necessary for the welfare of the students enrolled in*  
7 *vocational centers to have uninterrupted financial support from the state and*  
8 *that institutional school districts need to carry forward funds from the 2000-*  
9 *2001 fiscal year for the purposes of operating vocational centers. Therefore,*  
10 *an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for*  
11 *the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective*  
12 *on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved*  
13 *nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the*  
14 *period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is*  
15 *vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective*  
16 *on the date the last house overrides the veto.*

17 /s/ Green

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