

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.

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13 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

14 AN ACT TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR ENDORSED
15 CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSES THAT MAY BE TAUGHT
16 ALONG WITH ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES IN HIGH
17 SCHOOLS; TO REPEAL THE CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT
18 COURSE APPROVAL PANEL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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20 **Subtitle**

21 AN ACT TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR
22 ENDORSED CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSES
23 THAT MAY BE TAUGHT ALONG WITH ADVANCED
24 PLACEMENT COURSES IN HIGH SCHOOLS AND TO
25 REPEAL THE CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSE
26 APPROVAL PANEL.

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

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31 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-16-1202(2), concerning definition of a
32 concurrent enrollment course, is amended to read as follows:

33 (2) "~~Concurrent~~ Endorsed concurrent enrollment course" means a
34 college level course ~~or courses~~ offered by an institution of higher education
35 in this state ~~which~~ that upon completion would qualify for academic credit in



1 both the institution of higher education and a public high school ~~that~~:

2 (A) Is in one (1) of the four (4) core areas of math,
3 English, science, and social studies;

4 (B) Meets the requirements of § 6-16-1204(b); and

5 (C) Is listed in the Arkansas Course Transfer System of
6 the Department of Higher Education.

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8 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-16-1203 is amended to read as follows:
9 6-16-1203. Teacher skills and training.

10 (a)(1) A teacher of an advanced placement course must obtain
11 appropriate training.

12 ~~(b)(1)(2)~~ The State Board of Education shall establish clear,
13 specific, and challenging training guidelines that require teachers of
14 College Board advanced placement courses and teachers of pre-advanced
15 placement courses to obtain College Board sponsored or endorsed training.

16 ~~(2)(3)~~ The training may include vertical team training.

17 (b) An instructor of an endorsed concurrent enrollment course shall
18 have:

19 (1)(A) No less than a master's degree that includes at least
20 eighteen (18) hours of completed course work in the subject area of the
21 endorsed concurrent enrollment course.

22 (B) The instructor's credentials shall be approved by the
23 academic unit or chief academic officer of the institution of higher
24 education offering the endorsed concurrent enrollment course; and

25 (2) The relevant credentials and experience necessary to teach
26 from the syllabus approved by the institution of higher education granting
27 the course credit.

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29 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-16-1204 is amended to read as follows:
30 6-16-1204. Implementation ~~of advanced placement courses.~~

31 (a)(1) In order to prepare students for the rigor inherent in advanced
32 placement courses, school districts shall offer pre-advanced placement
33 courses to prepare students for the demands of advanced placement coursework.

34 ~~(b)(2)~~ The Department of Education shall

35 ~~(1) Approve~~ approve all classes designated as pre-advanced
36 placement courses; ~~and~~

1 ~~(2) Develop rules necessary for the implementation of~~
2 ~~advanced placement courses.~~

3 (b) An endorsed concurrent enrollment course must meet the following
4 requirements:

5 (1) The course must be a course offered by an institution of
6 higher learning in this state, that is:

7 (A) Approved through the institution of higher learning's
8 normal process; and

9 (B) Listed in the institution of higher learning's
10 catalog;

11 (2) The course content and instruction must meet the same
12 standards and adopt the same learning outcomes as those developed for a
13 course taught on the campus of the institution of higher education, including
14 without limitation:

15 (A) The administration of any departmental exams
16 applicable to the course; and

17 (B) The use of substantially the same book and syllabus as
18 is used at the college level;

19 (3) The course must be taught by an instructor with the
20 qualifications required under § 6-16-1203(b);

21 (4) The institution of higher education offering the course
22 must:

23 (A) Provide to the course instructor staff development,
24 supervision, evaluation; and

25 (B)(i) Provide the students enrolled in the course with:

26 (a) Academic guidance counseling; and

27 (b) The opportunity to utilize the on-campus
28 library or other academic resources of the institution of higher education.

29 (ii) Nothing in this subdivision (b)(4) shall
30 preclude institutions of higher education from collaborating to meet the
31 requirements of this subdivision (b)(4);

32 (5) To be eligible to enroll in an endorsed concurrent enrollment
33 course, the student must:

34 (A) Be admitted by the institution of higher education as
35 a non-degree or non-certificate seeking student; and

36 (B) Meet all of the prerequisites for the course in which

1 he or she is enrolled; and

2 (6)(A) Credit for the endorsed concurrent enrollment course may
3 only be awarded by the institution of higher education offering the course.

4 (B) Nothing in this subdivision (b)(6) shall preclude
5 institutions of higher education from collaborating to provide the course and
6 award course credit.

7 (c) Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, all school districts
8 shall offer one (1) College Board advanced placement course in each of the
9 four (4) core areas of math, English, science, and social studies for a total
10 of four (4) courses.

11 (d)(1) The requirement under subsection (c) of this section shall be
12 phased in over a period of four (4) years beginning with the 2005-2006 school
13 year.

14 (2) Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, all high schools
15 in Arkansas shall offer a minimum of four (4) advanced placement courses by
16 adding at least one (1) core course each year to the list of courses
17 available to high school students.

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19 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-16-1205 is repealed.

20 ~~6-16-1205. Concurrent Enrollment Course Approval Panel.~~

21 ~~(a) There is established a panel to be known as the "Concurrent~~
22 ~~Enrollment Course Approval Panel".~~

23 ~~(b) The panel shall consist of six (6) members as follows:~~

24 ~~(1) Three (3) persons appointed by the Commissioner of~~
25 ~~Education; and~~

26 ~~(2) Three (3) persons appointed by the Director of the~~
27 ~~Department of Higher Education.~~

28 ~~(c) The appointed panel members shall be:~~

29 ~~(1) Knowledgeable regarding advanced placement coursework or~~
30 ~~concurrent enrollment coursework; and~~

31 ~~(2) Residents of the State of Arkansas at the time of~~
32 ~~appointment and throughout their terms.~~

33 ~~(d) Members shall serve at the pleasure of the director making his or~~
34 ~~her appointment.~~

35 ~~(e) If a vacancy occurs in an appointed position for any reason, the~~
36 ~~vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the director of the department who~~

1 ~~made the original appointment.~~

2 ~~(f)(1) Panel members appointed by the Commissioner of Education and~~
3 ~~the Director of the Department of Higher Education shall alternate serving as~~
4 ~~chair of the panel each year.~~

5 ~~(2) The Commissioner of Education and the Director of the~~
6 ~~Department of Higher Education shall alternate each year naming a person to~~
7 ~~serve as chair of the panel.~~

8 ~~(3) The Commissioner of Education and the Director of the~~
9 ~~Department of Higher Education shall draw lots to determine which director~~
10 ~~shall first appoint a chair.~~

11 ~~(g)(1) The panel shall meet at times and places the chair deems~~
12 ~~necessary, but no meetings shall be held outside of the State of Arkansas.~~

13 ~~(2) A majority of the members of the panel shall constitute a~~
14 ~~quorum for the purpose of transacting business.~~

15 ~~(3) All action of the panel shall be by a majority vote of the~~
16 ~~full membership of the panel.~~

17 ~~(h) For the purposes of access and equity, the panel shall make~~
18 ~~recommendations to the Department of Education and the Department of Higher~~
19 ~~Education regarding the rules for offering of advanced placement courses or~~
20 ~~concurrent enrollment courses, or both.~~

21 ~~(i) The Department of Higher Education and the Department of Education~~
22 ~~may jointly promulgate rules for offering of advanced placement courses or~~
23 ~~concurrent enrollment courses, or both, based upon the recommendations of the~~
24 ~~panel.~~

25 ~~(j)(1) The Department of Higher Education shall provide staff and~~
26 ~~office space to the panel.~~

27 ~~(2)(A) Members of the panel shall serve without pay.~~

28 ~~(B) Members of the panel may receive expense reimbursement~~
29 ~~in accordance with § 25-16-902, to be paid by the Department of Higher~~
30 ~~Education to the extent that money is available.~~

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32 SECTION 5. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. Contingent upon legislative
33 appropriation and the availability of funding, Rich Mountain Community
34 College shall develop a two-year pilot program implementing endorsed
35 concurrent enrollment courses for public high school students at no cost to
36 the enrolled students.

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SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that many high school students benefit from participating in endorsed concurrent enrollment courses; that this act is necessary to ensure that students continue to have the opportunity to enroll in endorsed concurrent enrollment classes; and that this act is immediately necessary to allow school districts time to plan schedules and hire staff prior to the 2007-2008 school year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

/s/ Abernathy

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