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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 961

5 By: Senator E. Cheatham  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING  
9 COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS STANDARDS FOR CAREER AND  
10 TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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13 TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS LAW  
14 CONCERNING COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS  
15 STANDARDS FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL  
16 EDUCATION PROGRAMS.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-5-1002(b), concerning career and*  
23 *technical education program of study, is amended to read as follows:*

24 *(b)(1) ~~All public school students shall be provided a~~ A rigorous career*  
25 *and technical education program of study that links secondary education and*  
26 *postsecondary education and combines academic and technical education in a*  
27 *structured sequence of courses that progresses from broad foundation skills*  
28 *to occupationally specific courses shall be made available.*

29 *(2) ~~A student may earn postsecondary~~ Post-secondary credits for*  
30 *career and technical education program of study courses that lead to a*  
31 *postsecondary credential, certificate, or degree may be awarded.*  
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33 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-5-1003(b)(3), concerning college and*  
34 *career readiness program standards, is amended to read as follows:*

35 *(3) ~~Sustained, intensive, and focused professional~~ Professional*  
36 *development opportunities for administrators, and teachers, ~~and faculty~~ who*



1 foster career and technical education programs of study, including design,  
2 implementation, and maintenance;

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4 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-5-1003(b)(6)(B), concerning college and  
5 career readiness program standards, is amended to read as follows:

6 (B) The Department of Career Education, in collaboration  
7 with the Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education,  
8 ~~shall work with the Department of Education and the Department of Higher~~  
9 ~~Education to~~ establish a common course numbering system that incorporates  
10 career and technical education program of study courses at both the secondary  
11 and postsecondary level;

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13 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-5-1003(b)(8)(A), concerning college and  
14 career readiness program standards, is amended to read as follows:

15 (8) Comprehensive guidance counseling and academic advisory  
16 systems developed by the Department of Career Education in collaboration with  
17 the Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education that:

18 (A) Enable students to make informed decisions about which  
19 program of study to pursue;

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21 /s/E. Cheatham

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24 **APPROVED: 04/08/2015**