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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS

10 CODE CONCERNING THE COLLEGE AND CAREER COACHES

11 PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE

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ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE COLLEGE AND

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CAREER COACHES PROGRAM.

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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 § 6-1-602(c), concerning the creation of the
23 College and Career Coaches Program and participation in the program, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 (c) A school district may use ~~national school lunch state categorical~~
26 ~~funds~~ enhanced student achievement funds to support the school district's
27 participation in the ~~College and Career Coaches Program~~ program.

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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-1-602, concerning the creation of the
30 College and Career Coaches Program and participation in the program, is
31 amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

32 (e) To participate in the program, a school district shall apply
33 jointly with an institution of higher education, an education service
34 cooperative, or a nonprofit organization to the Division of Career and
35 Technical Education.

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1 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-1-603(b)(3), concerning the
2 administration of the College and Career Coaches Program, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 (3) Monitor implementation of the College and Career Coaches
5 Program by on-site technical assistance visits at least one (1) time every
6 ~~five (5)~~ two (2) years;

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8 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-1-603(b)(5)(B), concerning the
9 administration of the College and Career Coaches Program, is amended to read
10 as follows:

11 (B) ~~Prioritizing approval and supplemental grant funding~~
12 ~~to College and Career Coaches Programs in Tier 3 and Tier 4 counties that are~~
13 ~~operated in partnership between a school district, an institution of higher~~
14 ~~education, an education service cooperative, or a nonprofit organization~~
15 Verifying the partnership between a school district and an institution of
16 higher education, an education service cooperative, or a nonprofit
17 organization; and

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19 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-1-604(a)(2), concerning the duties and
20 supervision of college and career coaches, is amended to read as follows:

21 (2) ~~Hold a career development facilitator certification or be~~
22 ~~eligible to complete the required career development facilitator training~~
23 Complete the required training on facilitating career development within one
24 (1) year of hiring.

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26 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 6-1-604(b)(1), concerning the duties and
27 supervision of college and career coaches, is amended to read as follows:

28 (1) Assisting the career ~~orientation instructor~~ development
29 teacher with the development of college and career plans for students,
30 beginning in grade seven (7);

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32 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 6-1-604(b), concerning the duties and
33 supervision of college and career coaches, is amended to add additional
34 subdivisions to read as follows:

35 (14) Attending continuing education programs on facilitating
36 career development; and

1 (15) Assisting a student with completing his or her student
2 success plan, as described in § 6-15-291, by the end of grade eight (8).

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4 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 6-1-605(a), concerning the measurement of
5 the effectiveness of the College and Career Coaches Program, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (a)(1) The effectiveness of the College and Career Coaches Program
8 shall be evaluated based on measurable benefits to students, including
9 ~~increases in:~~

- 10 (A) ~~High~~ An increase in high school graduation rates;
- 11 ~~(B) Completion of the Smart Core curriculum;~~
- 12 ~~(C)(B) College~~ An increase in college attendance rates;
- 13 ~~(D)(C) Remediation~~ A reduction in remediation rates; ~~and~~
- 14 ~~(E)(D) Applications~~ An increase in the number of
15 applications for financial aid;
- 16 (E) An increase in enrollment in two-year, four-year,
17 technical certificate programs, and military service;
- 18 (F) An increase in the number of completed Free
19 Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- 20 (G) An increase in the number of scholarships awarded;
- 21 (H) An increase in ACT scores;
- 22 (I) An increase in the number of industry-recognized
23 certifications earned; and
- 24 (J) An increase in work-based learning experiences.

25 ~~(2)(A) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education and~~
26 ~~the Division of Higher Education~~ Division of Career and Technical Education
27 shall collect and prepare performance data reports to determine the
28 effectiveness of the ~~program~~ College and Career Coaches Program.

29 ~~(B) The data shall be collected for each county and school~~
30 ~~district served by the program and shall be shared with the Division of~~
31 ~~Career and Technical Education on January 1 and August 1 each year.~~

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33 /s/ Irvin