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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1860

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING CAREER
EDUCATION.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1860

Amend House Bill No. 1860 as originally introduced:

Add Representative Branscum as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, delete lines 8 and 9 substitute the following language:

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE COLLEGE AND CAREER COACHES PROGRAM; TO ASSURE THAT ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES SEVEN THROUGH TWELVE (7-12) HAVE ACCESS TO A COLLEGE AND CAREER COACH FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND CAREERS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO ESTABLISH THE COLLEGE AND CAREER COACHES PROGRAM; TO ASSURE ACCESS TO A COLLEGE AND CAREER COACH FOR ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES SEVEN THROUGH TWELVE (7-12)."

AND

Page 1, delete all the language after the enacting clause and substitute the following language:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 1, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 6 - College and Career Coaches Program

6-1-601. Findings.

The General Assembly finds that:



(1) Highly skilled and educated people who can handle demanding jobs and generate new ideas are necessary for Arkansas to prosper in a global economy;

(2) Only eighteen percent (18%) of Arkansans twenty-five (25) years of age and older hold a baccalaureate degree and Arkansas is ranked 49th in the nation for adults who hold a baccalaureate degree, creating a detriment to the success of the state;

(3) Many students leave high school:

(A) Without a true plan for his or her education, training, and career beyond high school;

(B) Unaware or do not understand the preparation and process required for success after high school graduation; and

(C) Failing to recognize the value of secondary education leading to drop-out rates that are too high; and

(4) It has a responsibility to assist the citizens of Arkansas in advancing and prospering by establishing a College and Career Coaches Program that shall assist students by:

(A) Intervening at the middle school and high school level;

(B) Better assisting students with developing and maintaining dynamic career plans;

(C) Exposing students to various opportunities for careers and education after high school; and

(D) Assisting students with understanding the process for pursuing postsecondary education and financial assistance.

6-1-602. Program administration.

(a) The Department of Career Education, in partnership with the Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education, shall develop and administer the College and Career Coaches Programs.

(b) The Department of Career Education, the division manager for Arkansas Works, and at least three (3) managers, shall manage the College and Career Coaches Programs and:

(1) Provide guidelines and procedures for implementing College and Career Coaches Programs;

(2) Develop, coordinate, and offer training opportunities for college and career coaches;

(3) Monitor each College and Career Coaches Programs by onsite technical assistance visits at least one (1) time every five (5) years;

(4) Create and maintain a record-keeping system for the collecting of performance measures and reports; and

(5) Prepare annual reports that may be shared with members of the:

(A) Governor's Workforce Cabinet;

(B) General Assembly; and

(C) Governor's office.

(c) Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, college and career coaches shall be placed in each middle school and high school as part of the College and Career Coaches Program to complement and enhance existing college and career planning services and activities currently administered in each middle school and high school.

6-1-603. College and career coaches -- Duties -- Supervision.

(a) A college and career coach shall:

(1) Hold a baccalaureate degree; and

(2) Complete the required Career Development Facilitator Training within one (1) year of hiring.

(b) The college and career coaches shall be stationed at an institution of higher education or an education service cooperative and shall provide services and support directly to students in middle school and high school including, without limitation:

(1) Assisting the career orientation instructor with the development of college and career plans for students;

(2) Assisting the school counselor with college and career planning resources and revising college and career plans for each student annually, beginning in grade nine (9);

(3) Offering high school students college and career planning services and activities that combine counseling on career options and experiential learning with academic planning to assist the student with his or her college and career plans;

(4) Encouraging parental participation by scheduling annual parent sessions, beginning with students in grade seven (7), to assist parents and students to understand the college and career planning process;

(5) Providing parents and high school students with information about career and technology education program opportunities available in Arkansas and the level of education and skill required to be successful in various career fields;

(6) Preparing high school students with information and preparation on financing a postsecondary education;

(7) Assisting schools in promoting the goals of quality career development of students in grades seven through twelve (7-12);

(8) Supporting students in middle school and high school in exploration of career clusters and the selection of an area of academic focus with a cluster of study;

(9) Improving and promoting career development and college planning opportunities within school districts and communities;

(10) Attending continuing education programs on the certified career development facilitator curriculum sponsored by the state;

(11) Coordinating with school counselors and school administration on career day events, career classes, career programming, college planning, and financial aid activities;

(12) Coordinating community resources and citizens representing diverse occupations to provide career development activities for parents and students; and

(13) Assisting the online based career guidance and college planning systems.

(c)(1) An institution of higher education or an education service cooperative with a College and Career Coaches Program shall assign an onsite supervisor who is:

(A) Responsible for supervising the College and Career Coaches Program locally; and

(B) A liaison between the institution of higher education or the education service cooperative and the Department of Career Education.

(2) The Department of Career Education, through the division manager for Arkansas Works, and the onsite supervisor are responsible for evaluating the performance of each college and career coach.

6-1-604. College and career coach ratio.

(a) Each school district shall have one (1) college and career coach for every five hundred (500) middle school and high school students in the school district.

(b) An institution of higher education or an education service cooperative with a College and Career Coaches Program shall work with school districts to determine the number of college and career coaches needed.

6-1-605. Program effectiveness and measurement.

(a)(1) The College and Career Coaches Program shall use performance measures to evaluate the effectiveness of the program on students served, including increases in:

- (A) High school graduation rates;
- (B) Completion of the Smart Core curriculum;
- (C) College attendance rate; and
- (D) Applications for financial aid.

(2) The Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education shall collect and report performance measure data to determine the effectiveness of the program.

(b)(1) Annually, each college and career coach shall submit a report to the division manager for Arkansas Works describing his or her student contacts and programs and services provided.

(2) Failure to provide the report required under subdivision (b)(1) of this section may result in the loss of funding for the program.

(c)(1) A college and career coach who fails to meet his or her performance goals shall be placed on a one (1) year improvement plan developed by the division manager for Arkansas Works.

(2) Failure to show satisfactory improvement after the one (1) year improvement plan period may result in loss of funding for the program.

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Branscum
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