

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: H3/20/09

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2159

5 By: Representatives Allen, M. Burris, Pennartz, J. Roebuck
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS COLLEGE AND
10 WORKFORCE READINESS ACCELERATION ACT; TO INCREASE
11 THE POOL OF ARKANSAS STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR
12 COLLEGE ADMISSION AND INITIAL CAREERS; TO HELP
13 REDUCE COLLEGE REMEDIATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
14 AMONG RECENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES; AND TO
15 DEVELOP SECOND CHANCE RESEARCHED-BASED, AFTER
16 SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS FAILING TO
17 OBTAIN QUALIFYING SCORES ON COLLEGE ADMISSIONS OR
18 WORKFORCE READINESS EXAMS BY THE END OF GRADE 11;
19 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

21 THE ARKANSAS COLLEGE AND WORKFORCE
22 READINESS ACCELERATION ACT.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60 is amended to add an
29 additional subchapter to read as follows:

30 6-60-701. Title.

31 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas
32 College and Workforce Readiness Acceleration Act."
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34 6-60-702. Findings.

35 The General Assembly finds that:

36 (1) Nearly fifty percent (50%) of all Arkansas high school



1 graduates fail to meet the college and career readiness benchmark of nineteen
2 (19); and

3 (2) The state measure for college and career readiness is also
4 nineteen (19).

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6 6-60-703. Arkansas College and Workforce Readiness Acceleration program
7 -- Created -- Purpose.

8 There is created the Arkansas College and Workforce Readiness
9 Acceleration Act to:

10 (1) Increase the pool of Arkansas students eligible for college
11 admission and initial careers;

12 (2) Help reduce college remediation and unemployment rates among
13 recent high school graduates; and

14 (3) Develop second chance researched-based, after school
15 opportunities for students failing to obtain qualifying scores on college
16 admissions or workforce readiness exams by the end of grade 11 through a
17 competitive grant process.

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19 SECTION 2. The Departments of Higher Education and the Department of
20 Workforce Education shall adopt rules as appropriate to implementation of
21 this subchapter.

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23 /s/ Allen
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