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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 61

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS  
9 CODE CONCERNING THE COLLEGE AND CAREER COACHES  
10 PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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13 TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE  
14 ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE COLLEGE AND  
15 CAREER COACHES PROGRAM.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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

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

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

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

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36 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-1-603(b)(3), concerning the



1 administration of the College and Career Coaches Program, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 (15) Assisting a student with completing his or her student

1 success plan, as described in § 6-15-291, by the end of grade eight (8).  
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3 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 6-1-605(a), concerning the measurement of  
 4 the effectiveness of the College and Career Coaches Program, is amended to  
 5 read as follows:

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

9 (A) ~~High~~ An increase in high school graduation rates;

10 ~~(B) Completion of the Smart Core curriculum;~~

11 ~~(C) College~~ An increase in college attendance rates;

12 ~~(D) Remediation~~ A reduction in remediation rates; ~~and~~

13 ~~(E) Applications~~ An increase in the number of  
 14 applications for financial aid;

15 (E) An increase in enrollment in two-year, four-year, and  
 16 technical certificate programs;

17 (F) An increase in the number of completed Free  
 18 Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);

19 (G) An increase in the number of scholarships awarded;

20 (H) An increase in ACT scores;

21 (I) An increase in the number of industry-recognized  
 22 certifications earned; and

23 (J) An increase in work-based learning experiences.

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

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

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