

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 61

5 By: Senator Irvin
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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.
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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) To participate in the program, a school district shall apply
32 jointly with an institution of higher education, an education service
33 cooperative, or a nonprofit organization to the Division of Career and
34 Technical Education.
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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,
 16 technical certificate programs, and military service;
 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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 32 /s/Irvin
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