

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1530

"AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL OF A VOCATIONAL CENTER; TO CORRECT REFERENCES TO THE STATE BOARD OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1530.

Amend House Bill No. 1530 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete Section 2 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 6-51-302, pertaining to approval of vocational centers establishments, is amended to read as follows:

6-51-302. Approval of center establishment.

(a) The State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities may approve the establishment of vocational centers to serve high school students from several school districts in locations where services are needed to:

- (1) Support economic, industrial, and employment development efforts;
- (2) Provide equity and substantially equal access to quality vocational programs; and
- (3) Improve school programs to assist schools in meeting accreditation standards.

~~(b) A comprehensive high school, a postsecondary technical institute or vocational technical school, a community or two-year college, or a school established by an education service cooperative which shall plan to offer five (5) or more occupation specific vocational technical programs may be approved as a center by the board.~~

~~(c)~~(b) The board shall only approve centers which utilize existing vocational education resources such as facilities, equipment, etc., except in those geographic areas in which comprehensive vocational offerings have not been developed and the state board determines that those resources must be developed to accomplish the above purposes.

(c) If a postsecondary vocational -technical school or two-year college, which operates a secondary vocational center, merges or consolidates with a public institution of higher education, the secondary vocational center may continue to be administered by the institution of higher education involved in the merger or consolidation."

AND

Page 2, line 22, add an additional section as follows:

"SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly that that it is necessary for the welfare of the students enrolled in vocational centers to have uninterrupted financial support from the state and that institutional school districts need to carry forward funds from the 2000-2001 fiscal year for the purposes of operating vocational centers. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Riggs

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