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Subtitle of House Bill No. 2437

"AN ACT TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSES
THAT MAY BE TAUGHT ALONG WITH ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES IN HIGH
SCHOOLS."

Amendment No. 2 to House Bill No. 2437.

Amend House Bill No. 2437 as engrossed, H3/3/05 (version: 03-03-2005 09:04):

Delete everything following the enacting clause entirely and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code §§ 6-16-1202 through 6-16-1204 are amended to read as follows:

6-16-1202. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Advanced placement course" means a high school level preparatory course for a college advanced placement test that:

(A) Incorporates all topics specified by the College Board and Educational Testing Service on its standards syllabus for a given subject area; and

(B) Is approved by the College Board and Educational Testing Service;

(2) "~~Concurrent~~ Endorsed concurrent enrollment course" means a college level course or courses in one (1) of the four (4) core areas of math, English, science, and social studies that meets the requirements of § 6-16-1204(b)(2) offered by an institution of higher education which upon completion would qualify for academic credit in both the institution of higher education and a public high school;

(3) "Pre-advanced placement course" means a middle school, junior high school, or high school level course that specifically prepares students to enroll and to participate in an advanced course; and

(4) "Vertical team" means a group of educators from different grade levels in a given discipline who work cooperatively to develop and implement a vertically aligned program aimed at helping students from diverse backgrounds acquire the academic skills necessary for success in the advanced placement program and other challenging coursework.

6-16-1203. Teacher skills and training.

(a)(1) A teacher of an advanced placement course must obtain



appropriate training.

~~(b)(1)(2)~~ The State Board of Education shall establish clear, specific, and challenging training guidelines that require teachers of College Board advanced placement courses and teachers of pre-advanced placement courses to obtain College Board sponsored or endorsed training.

~~(2)(3)~~ The training may include vertical team training.

(b) An instructor of an endorsed concurrent enrollment course shall have:

(1) No less than a master's degree that includes at least eighteen (18) hours of completed course work in a subject matter related to the endorsed concurrent enrollment course, and such credentials shall be approved by the academic unit or the chief academic officer of the college; and

(2) Advanced skills as necessary to teach from the same syllabus as is used at the college level.

6-16-1204. Implementation of advanced placement courses.

(a) In order to prepare students for the rigor inherent in advanced placement courses, school districts shall offer pre-advanced placement courses to prepare students for the demands of advanced placement coursework.

(b)(1) The Department of Education shall:

~~(1)(A)~~ Approve all classes designated as pre-advanced placement courses; and

~~(2)(B)~~ Develop rules necessary for the implementation of advanced placement courses.

(2) To qualify as an endorsed concurrent enrollment course under this section, the course:

(A) Taught from substantially the same book and syllabus as is used at the college level; and

(B) Taught by an instructor with the qualifications set forth under § 6-16-1203(b);

(C) Determined by the Concurrent Credit Course Approval Committee to be of substantially equal or greater quality and rigor for a high school student as is offered in an advanced placement course in the same or similar subject area; and

(D) Available at no cost to the public school student.

(c) Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, all school districts shall offer one (1) College Board advanced placement course or endorsed concurrent enrollment course in of the four (4) core areas of math, English, science, and social studies for a total of four (4) courses.

(d)(1) The requirement under subsection (c) of this section shall be phased in over a period of four (4) years beginning with the 2005-2006 school year.

(2) Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, all high schools in Arkansas shall offer a minimum of four (4) advanced placement courses or endorsed concurrent enrollment courses, or any combination thereof, by adding at least one (1) core course each year to the list of courses available to high school students.

(e) If a school district offers an endorsed concurrent enrollment course, the school district shall be responsible for providing for the cost of the tuition, books, and other required expenses related to the endorsed current enrollment course for the district's students and the school district

and the institution of higher education may enter into agreements to provide for the cost of the endorsed concurrent enrollment courses by any method agreed upon by the school district and institution, including but not limited to scholarships, grants, private donations, or tuition payment agreements.

(f) Any endorsed concurrent enrollment course as defined under § 6-16-1202(2) shall be treated the same as an advanced placement course, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) Weighted credit; and

(2) The Arkansas Advanced Placement and Endorsed Concurrent Enrollment Incentive Program Act of 1995.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-16-1205 is amended to read as follows.

6-16-1205. Concurrent Enrollment Course Approval Panel.

(a) There is established a panel to be known as the "Concurrent Enrollment Course Approval Panel".

(b) The panel shall consist of ~~six (6)~~ four (4) members as follows:

(1) ~~Three (3) persons~~ The Director of the Department of Education or his or her designee and one (1) employee of the Department of Education appointed by the Director of the Department of Education; and

(2) ~~Three (3)~~ The Director of the Department of Higher Education or his or her designee and one (1) employee of the Department of Higher Education appointed by the Director of the Department of Higher Education.

(c) The appointed panel members shall be:

(1) Knowledgeable regarding advanced placement coursework ~~or~~ and concurrent enrollment coursework; and

(2) Residents of the State of Arkansas at the time of appointment and throughout their terms.

(d) Members shall serve at the pleasure of the director making his or her appointment.

(e) If a vacancy occurs in an appointed position for any reason, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the director of the department who made the original appointment.

(f)(1) Panel members appointed by the Director of the Department of Education and the Director of the Department of Higher Education shall alternate serving as chair of the panel each year.

(2) The Director of the Department of Education and the Director of the Department of Higher Education shall alternate each year naming a person to serve as chair of the panel.

(3) The Director of the Department of Education and the Director of the Department of Higher Education shall draw lots to determine which director shall first appoint a chair.

(g)(1) The panel shall meet at times and places the chair deems necessary, but no meetings shall be held outside of the State of Arkansas.

(2) A majority of the members of the panel shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

(3) All action of the panel shall be by a majority vote of the full membership of the panel.

(h) For the purposes of access and equity, the panel shall ~~make recommendations to the Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education regarding the rules for offering of advanced placement courses or concurrent enrollment courses, or both.;~~

(1) Develop and implement a procedure for school districts and

institutions of higher education to submit college courses for review by the panel to determine if the college course is of substantially equal or greater quality and rigor for a high school student as is offered in an advanced placement course in the same or similar subject area; and

(2) Approve a concurrent enrollment course as an endorsed concurrent enrollment course if the course is of substantially equal or greater quality and rigor for a high school student as is offered in an advanced placement course in the same or similar subject area.

~~(i) The Department of Higher Education and the Department of Education may jointly promulgate rules for offering of advanced placement courses or concurrent enrollment courses, or both, based upon the recommendations of the panel.~~

~~(j)(1) The Department of Higher Education shall provide staff and office space to the panel.~~

(2)(A)(i) Members of the panel shall serve without pay other than his or her regular salary for his or her current position with the respective departments.

~~(B) Members of the panel may receive expense reimbursement in accordance with § 25-16-902, to be paid by the Department of Higher Education to the extent that money is available.~~

(j) The terms of the members serving on the panel immediately prior to the effective date of this subdivision, shall expire on the effective date of this subdivision.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 12 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-16-1207. Limitations.

Nothing in this subchapter shall limit or define concurrent enrollment courses offered for elective credit or upon agreement between a school or school district and a college if the courses are not required under this subchapter for any of the four (4) core areas of math, English, science, or social studies.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 8 is amended to read as follows:

6-16-801. Title.

This subchapter shall be known as and may be cited as the "Arkansas Advanced Placement and Endorsed Concurrent Enrollment Incentive Program Act of 1995".

6-16-802. Purpose.

(a) The purpose of this subchapter is to serve as a legislative charter for the establishment, organization, and administration of a program designed to improve the course offerings available to middle school, junior high school, and high school students throughout the state.

(b) The program established under this subchapter will provide advanced educational courses that are easily accessible and that will prepare students for admission to and success in a postsecondary educational environment.

(c) A key component in the program is adequately preparing teachers and schools in providing advanced placement courses and endorsed concurrent enrollment course as defined under § 6-16-1202(2) to their students.

6-16-803. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1)(A) "Advanced placement course" means a high school level preparatory course for a college advanced placement test that incorporates all topics specified by the College Board and Educational Testing Service on its standard syllabus for a given subject area and is approved by the College Board and Educational Testing Service;

(B) "Preadvanced placement course" means a middle school, junior high school, or high school level course that specifically prepares students to enroll and participate in an advanced placement course;

(2) "Board" means the State Board of Education;

(3) "College advanced placement test" means the advanced placement test administered by the College Board and Educational Testing Service;

(4) "College Board" means the College Board and Educational Testing Service;

(5) "Department" means the Department of Education;

(6) "Director" means the Director of the Department of Education; and

(7) "Endorsed concurrent enrollment course" means a concurrent enrollment course as defined under § 6-16-1202(2); and

~~(7)~~ (8) "Program" means the Arkansas Advanced Placement Incentive Program.

6-16-804. Established - Subsidies - Rules and regulations.

(a) The Arkansas Advanced Placement and Endorsed Concurrent Enrollment Incentive Program is hereby established, to be administered by the Director of the Department of Education.

(b)(1) Contingent upon legislative appropriations and based on criteria established by the department, schools participating in the program may be awarded a one-time equipment and instructional materials grant for providing an advanced placement course or a endorsed concurrent enrollment course, or both.

(2) Contingent upon legislative appropriations, schools will be awarded fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each score of three (3) or better earned by a student on any advanced placement test or a grade of "C" or better in an endorsed concurrent enrollment course. These funds shall be utilized in the schools' advanced placement programs.

(c) Subject to legislative appropriations, a kindergarten through twelve (K-12) public school teacher participating in the advanced placement, an endorsed concurrent enrollment course program, or in the preadvanced placement program may be awarded subsidized teacher training ~~for advanced placement courses~~ at a cost not to exceed six hundred fifty dollars (\$650) per teacher.

(d)(1) The state will pay a share of the advanced placement test fee not to exceed sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) and a stipend not to exceed sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) to students enrolled in an endorsed concurrent enrollment course.

(2) The State Board of Education shall create a sliding scale based on family income.

(3) The state will pay fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each advanced

placement test taken as an economic supplement to each public school student who takes more than two (2) advanced placement tests in one (1) year and an additional stipend not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) to students enrolled in two (2) or more endorsed concurrent enrollment courses.

(4)(A) All students taking advanced placement courses must take advanced placement tests or return the economic supplement.

(B) All students taking an endorsed concurrent enrollment course must successfully complete the endorsed concurrent enrollment course or return the economic supplement.

(e) The board is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement this subchapter.

6-16-805. Funding.

(a) The awards and stipends granted under the provisions of this subchapter for both advance placement and an endorsed concurrent enrollment course may be funded by donations, grants, or legislative appropriation.

(b) All donations, grants, and appropriations received shall be accounted for by the Department of Education.

(c) The Director of the Department of Education may solicit and receive donations and grants for the purpose of making awards.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that many high school students benefit from participating in an endorsed concurrent enrollment courses; that this act is necessary to ensure that students continue to have the opportunity to enroll in concurrent enrollment classes; and that this act is immediately necessary to allow school districts sufficient time to plan schedules and hire staff prior to the 2005-2006 school year. 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:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto."

AND

If appropriate, renumber the remaining sections of the bill

The Amendment was read _____
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