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Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 503

"AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL
SCHOOL DISTRICTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2005-2007 BIENNIUM."

Amendment No. 9 to Senate Bill No. 503.

Amend Senate Bill No. 503 as engrossed, S3/28/05 (version: 03-28-2005 15:53)

Add new sections immediately following Section 22 to read as follows:

" SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code § 6-15-202, concerning Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools, is amended to add additional subsections to read as follows:

(e) The Director of the Department of Education may require that the superintendent of each school district file a written statement with the Department of Education as evidence that the school district for which the superintendent is responsible has complied with any or all of the following statutory requirements:

- (1) § 6-10-111 (d) through (f) concerning the Equity Assistance Center;
- (2) § 6-11-129(3)(b) concerning data to be accessible on Department of Education's website;
- (3) § 6-13-109 concerning employment of a school superintendent;
- (4) § 6-13-620 concerning powers and duties of the local school board of directors;
- (5) § 6-13-801 et seq. concerning educational compacts;
- (6) § 6-15-202(b)(1) concerning accreditation;
- (7) § 6-15-401 et seq. concerning the Arkansas Comprehensive, Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program;
- (8) § 6-15-502 concerning home schools;
- (9) § 6-15-902 concerning grading scale;
- (10) § 6-15-1004 concerning qualified teachers;
- (11) § 6-15-1101(b) concerning diplomas;
- (12) § 6-15-1402 concerning the school performance report;
- (13) § 6-15-1603 concerning closing the achievement gap;
- (14) § 6-15-1701 et seq. concerning a parental involvement plan;
- (15) § 6-15-2006 concerning remedial instruction;
- (16) § 6-16-102 concerning school day;
- (17) § 6-16-103 concerning course of study generally;
- (18) § 6-16-124 concerning Arkansas history;
- (19) § 6-16-126 concerning food handling safety;



(20) § 6-16-130 concerning visual art and music;
(21) § 6-16-132 concerning physical education;
(22) § 6-16-1002 concerning health education;
(23) § 6-16-1003 concerning oral health standards;
(24) § 6-16-1201 et seq. concerning advanced placement and concurrent enrollment;
(25) § 6-17-102 concerning emergency first aid personnel;
(26) § 6-17-201 concerning personnel policies;
(27) § 6-17-309 concerning certification;
(28) § 6-17-401 et seq. concerning teacher's license requirement;
(29) § 6-17-2301 concerning establishment of personnel policies;
(30) § 6-17-2402 concerning teacher compensation;
(31) § 6-18-101 concerning qualifications for valedictorian and salutatorian;
(32) § 6-18-201 et seq. concerning compulsory attendance;
(33) § 6-18-202 concerning age and residence for attending public schools;
(34) § 6-18-207 concerning minimum age for enrollment in public school;
(35) § 6-18-211 concerning attendance for students in grades nine through twelve;
(36) § 6-18-213 concerning attendance records and reports generally;
(37) § 6-18-223 concerning credit for college courses;
(38) § 6-18-501 et seq. concerning guidelines for development of school district student discipline policies and written student discipline policies;
(39) § 6-18-508 concerning alternative learning environments;
(40) § 6-18-509 concerning assessment and intervention in alternative learning environments;
(41) § 6-18-701 et seq. concerning physical examinations;
(42) § 6-18-1005 concerning a student services program;
(43) § 6-19-101 concerning transportation;
(44) § 6-20-2202 concerning the budget and expenditure report;
(45) § 6-21-106 concerning fire hazards inspection prior to closing for breaks;
(46) § 6-21-112 concerning school facilities;
(47) § 6-25-101 et seq. concerning the public school library media and technology;
(48) § 6-41-101 et seq. concerning services to children with disabilities in nonpublic schools;
(49) § 6-42-101 concerning gifted and talented; and
(50) Any other statutory mandate for school districts identified by the Department of Education as relevant to the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools.

(f) In addition to any written statement of assurance required under subsection (e) of this section, the Department of Education may conduct an on-site review of a school district to confirm that a school district has complied with any statutory requirements listed in subsection (e) of this section or any other matter related to the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools.

(g) The Department of Education shall establish a form for the written statement of assurance required under subsection (e) of this section and shall establish a date or dates by which school districts shall submit the written statement of assurance required under subsection (e) of this section.

(h) Any superintendent who fails to file a written statement of assurance as required by the Director of the Department of Education under subsection (e) of this section by the date established by the Department of Education or knowingly submits false information or if the Department of Education determines the information in the statement is inaccurate or incomplete, the Department of Education may:

- (1) Conduct a random on-site visit;
- (2) Request additional information from the school district;
- (3) Take licensure action on the license of the superintendent under the procedure of § 6-17-410; or
- (4) Find the school or school district in citation or probationary violation of the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools.

SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code 6-16-804 is amended to read as follows:

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

(a) The Arkansas Advanced Placement 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.;

(2) Contingent upon legislative appropriations, schools ~~will be~~ may be awarded ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~ an amount to be determined by the Department of Education for each score of three (3) or better earned by a student on any advanced placement test. These funds shall be utilized in the schools' advanced placement programs.

(c) Subject to legislative appropriations, a teacher participating in the 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~~ may pay a share of the advanced placement test fee ~~not to exceed sixty five dollars (\$65.00).~~

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

~~(3) The state will pay fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each test taken as an economic supplement to each public school student who takes more than two (2) advanced placement tests in one (1) year.~~

~~(4)~~(3) All students taking advanced placement courses must take advanced placement tests or return the economic supplement.

(e) The board is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement this subchapter and the Director of the Department of Education may determine the amount of any awards or supplements made under this subchapter based on the amount of the appropriation and available funding for the program.

SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code § 6-15-204(b)(2), concerning professional development for teachers, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(C) For purposes of the requirement for continuing education and professional development under this section, each hour of training received by certified personnel related to teaching an advanced placement class for a subject covered by the College Board and Educational Testing Service shall be counted as professional development up to a maximum of thirty (30) hours."

And appropriately renumber the sections of the bill.

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

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Secretary