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# A Bill

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6 By: Representative Love

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8 pursuant to A.C.A. § 10-3-217.

## 9 For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE PROGRAM  
11 ACT; TO CHANGE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR  
12 ENROLLMENT IN THE ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE FOR SCHOOL  
13 SUCCESS PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## 16 Subtitle

17 TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE  
18 PROGRAM ACT; AND TO CHANGE THE  
19 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT  
20 IN THE ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE FOR SCHOOL  
21 SUCCESS PROGRAM.

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-45-103(2), concerning definitions for the  
27 Arkansas Better Chance Program Act, is amended to read as follows:

28 (2) "Arkansas Better Chance for School Success" means a developmentally  
29 appropriate early care and education program for children ~~three (3) and four~~  
30 ~~(4) years of age~~ from birth through five (5) years of age created under § 6-  
31 45-105(a)(1)(B);

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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-45-105(a)(1)(B), concerning the  
34 establishment of the Arkansas Better Chance for School Success Program, is  
35 amended to read as follows:

36 (B) Within the Arkansas Better Chance Program there is

1 established the Arkansas Better Chance for School Success Program for  
2 providing appropriate early care and education programs for children ~~three~~  
3 ~~(3) years of age and four (4) years of age~~ from birth through five (5) years  
4 of age as identified under § 6-45-108(a).

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6 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-45-108(a)(1), concerning eligibility for  
7 the Arkansas Better Chance for School Success Program, is amended to read as  
8 follows:

9 (a)(1) ~~All children three (3) years of age and four (4) years of age~~ A  
10 child from birth through five (5) years of age who are members is a member of  
11 a family with a gross family income not exceeding two hundred percent (200%)  
12 of the federal poverty guidelines ~~are~~ is eligible to attend an Arkansas  
13 Better Chance for School Success Program if there is:

14 (A) ~~a~~ A program available in the school district where the  
15 child resides; and

16 (B) ~~if there is available~~ Available space for the child to  
17 attend the program.

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19 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-45-110(c)(3), concerning the assessment  
20 of children enrolled in the Arkansas Better Chance for School Success  
21 Program, is amended to read as follows:

22 (3) ~~This~~ The research study shall include children entering the  
23 program ~~at ages three (3) and four (4) years~~ from birth through five (5)  
24 years of age and follow the children through completion of the fourth grade  
25 benchmark exams.

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