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A Bill

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By: Representatives Schexnayder, Pollan, Thicksten, and Jones

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TO DEVELOP COURSE SYLLABUSES; TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND THE STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO CERTIFY CERTAIN COURSES FOR TRANSFER TO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Title 6, Chapter 51, Section 203 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"6-51-203. Determining School Location and Establishing Courses of Instruction.

(a) In determining the location of vocational-technical schools and in establishing the courses of instruction to be offered in the schools, the State Board of Vocational Education shall give consideration to:

- (1) Trends in industrial development;
- (2) Concentration of population;
- (3) Concentration of industry;
- (4) Natural resources; and
- (5) Reasonable distance for people in all areas of the state.

(b) (1) The State Board of Vocational Education shall develop course content syllabuses for each course of instruction offered in a post-secondary vocational-technical school. The course syllabus for each course of instruction shall specify the essential competencies to be taught in such course of instruction.

(2) Each instructor employed in a post-secondary vocational-technical school shall utilize the appropriate course syllabus in providing instruction to post-secondary vocational students. It shall be the responsibility of the director of each post-secondary vocational technical school to

insure that vocational-technical instructors utilize the course syllabuses developed pursuant to the provisions of this section in offering instruction to post-secondary vocational technical students.

(3) The course syllabuses required to be developed pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be adopted by the State Board of Vocational Education not later than July 1, 1990, and shall be utilized in post-secondary vocational-technical schools in the school year beginning 1990-91.

(c) The State Board of Vocational Education and the State Board of Higher Education are hereby authorized to certify certain courses of instruction offered by post-secondary vocational-technical schools as being equivalent to comparable courses offered by public two-year or four-year institutions of higher education. Any course of instruction offered by post-secondary vocational-technical schools that is certified as equivalent to a comparable course of instruction offered by a two-year or four-year institution of higher education shall be transferable for credit to a public two-year or four-year institution of higher education. The State Board of Higher Education and the State Board of Vocational Education shall promulgate rules and regulations for implementation of the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.