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By: Representative Mahony

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMISSION ON ADULT LITERACY; TO PROVIDE FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE COMMISSION; TO SET FORTH THE COMMISSION'S DUTIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. (a) There is hereby established the State Commission on Adult Literacy to be composed of not more than fifteen (15) members appointed by the Governor.

(b) The commission shall be comprised of members with backgrounds and expertise to enhance public and private efforts in adult education and literacy. Members shall include sex, age and racial balance. At least one of the members shall also be a member of the Arkansas General Assembly.

Members on the commission shall consist as follows:

(1) Seven members shall be from the executive ranks of the business sector with expertise in marketing, public relations, legal and workplace literacy.

(2) Seven members shall be from the nonbusiness sector including one each with the following experience backgrounds:

- (A) Literacy council.
- (B) Education.
- (C) Social services.
- (D) Libraries.
- (E) Student who has successfully completed a literacy program.
- (F) ABE direct service provider.
- (G) Religious-based provider.

(3) The director of the Division of Vocational-Technical Education shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of the Commission.

(c) Members of the commission shall serve at the pleasure of the

governor and shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to per diem and mileage allowances for attendance at commission meetings at the same rate authorized by law for legislators' attendance at meetings of joint interim committees of the General Assembly.

(d) The commission shall meet at least once quarterly.

SECTION 2. The commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Director of the Division of Vocational-Technical Education, Adult Education Office, and shall have the following duties:

(a) To assist in raising the focus on adult education in this state through cooperative efforts between the public and private sector;

(b) To promote statewide support to generate donations of money, manpower and facilities for literacy projects;

(c) To assist in the development of statewide literacy goals;

(d) To develop strategies and recommendations for projects to achieve literacy goals in the state;

(e) To identify and work for the elimination of any laws or regulations which impede literacy enhancement efforts;

(f) To prepare an annual report of adult literacy programs state-wide detailing the number of persons served and costs for the Governor and the General Assembly;

(g) To assist in the preparation of a directory of Federal, state, and local agencies, volunteer organizations, schools, and institutions involved in the delivery of literacy and adult education services;

(h) To recommend improvements in cooperative and collaborative linkages among providers of educational services to undereducated adult citizens in Arkansas; and

(i) To assist in the development and implementation of support services such as child care and transportation to improve levels of participation in adult literacy programs.

SECTION 3. The deputy director of the Adult Education Office of the Division of Vocational-Technical Education shall assign staff of the Adult Education Office to assist the commission in carrying out its duties and responsibilities.

SECTION 4. 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.

SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.