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4 By: Senator Mahony

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SENATE BILL 436

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS ADVANCED PLACEMENT
9 INCENTIVE PROGRAM; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

13 "TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS ADVANCED
14 PLACEMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM."

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

18 SECTION 1. TITLE. This act shall be known as and may be cited as the
19 "Arkansas Advanced Placement Incentive Program Act of 1995."

21 SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this act is to serve as a
22 legislative charter for the establishment, organization and administration of
23 a program designed to improve the course offerings available to high school
24 students throughout the state. The program established under this act will
25 provide advanced educational courses that are easily accessible and will
26 prepare students for admission to and success in a postsecondary educational
27 environment. A key component in the program is adequately preparing teachers
28 and schools in providing advanced placement courses to their students.

30 SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS. As used in this act, unless the context
31 otherwise requires:

32 (1) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

33 (2) "Advanced placement course" means a high school-level preparatory
34 course for a college advanced placement test that incorporates all topics
35 specified by the College Board and Educational Testing Service on its

1 standard syllabus for a given subject area and is approved by the College
2 Board.

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

5 (4) "College Board" means the College Board and Educational Testing
6 Service.

7 (5) "Department" means the Arkansas Department of Education, General
8 Education Division.

9 (6) "Director" means the director of the General Education Division of
10 the Arkansas Department of Education.

11 (7) "Program" means the Arkansas Advanced Placement Incentive Program.
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13 *SECTION 4. (a) The Arkansas Advanced Placement Incentive Program is*
14 *hereby established, to be administered by the Director of the General*
15 *Education Division of the Arkansas Department of Education.*

16 *(b) Contingent upon legislative appropriations, schools participating*
17 *in the program may be awarded a one-time equipment and/or instructional*
18 *materials grant for providing an advanced placement course, based on criteria*
19 *established by the Department."*

20 *(c) Subject to legislative appropriations, a teacher participating in*
21 *the program may be awarded subsidized teacher training for advanced placement*
22 *courses, at a cost not to exceed four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450.00) per*
23 *teacher.*

24 *(d) The State Board shall create a sliding scale based on family*
25 *income. The State will pay a share of the advanced placement test fee not to*
26 *exceed sixty five dollars (\$65). All students taking advanced placement*
27 *courses must take advanced placement tests or return the economic supplement.*

28 *(e) The Board is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations*
29 *necessary to implement this act.*
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31 *SECTION 5. The awards granted under the provisions of this act may be*
32 *funded by donations, grants, or legislative appropriation. The Director may*
33 *solicit and receive donations and grants for the purpose of making awards.*
34 *All donations, grants, and appropriations received shall be accounted for by*
35 *the Department.*

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SECTION 6. The provisions of this act shall become effective July 1, 1995.

SECTION 7. 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 8. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 9. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the Eightieth General Assembly that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1995, is essential to the successful establishment of an advanced placement incentive program in Arkansas high schools during the 1995-96 school year; and that this program is necessary to make advanced educational courses accessible to high school students in every area of the state. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1995.

/s/Mahony

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