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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 537

4 By: Senators Bradford *and* Keet

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO CLARIFY RESPONSIBILITIES OF REFERRING SCHOOL  
9 DISTRICTS AND ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS TOWARD STUDENTS WHO  
10 ARE SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD AND ENROLLED IN ADULT  
11 EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## Subtitle

14 "TO CLARIFY RESPONSIBILITIES OF  
15 REFERRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND ADULT  
16 EDUCATION PROGRAMS TOWARD STUDENTS WHO  
17 ARE 16 OR 17 YEARS OLD AND ENROLLED IN  
18 ADULT EDUCATION."

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

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22 SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intention of the General  
23 Assembly by this act to provide financial support to adult education programs  
24 that are currently providing educational services to students sixteen (16)  
25 years of age or older and to clarify responsibility for certain clerical and  
26 administrative functions. It is not the intention of the General Assembly  
27 that adult education programs serve as the alternative learning environments  
28 which all school districts are required under § 6-18-508 to have in place by  
29 the 1995-96 school year. Instead, adult education should be recognized and  
30 utilized as a valuable tool for those students whose educational interests  
31 can best be served by the program.

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33 SECTION 2. (a) In addition to other duties as set forth by law, it  
34 shall be the responsibility of a referring school district granting a waiver  
35 of § 6-18-201 to a student age sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) to enroll in an

1 adult education program to:

2 (1) Maintain administrative and clerical records on the student  
3 as supplied by the adult education program; and

4 (2) Provide student transportation to and from an adult  
5 education program, within regular school hours and on regular bus routes.

6 (b) In addition to other duties as set forth by law, it shall be the  
7 responsibility of an adult education program that accepts a student age  
8 sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) into the program to:

9 (1) Establish and enforce enrollment, attendance, and discipline  
10 policies;

11 (2) Provide for student orientation, parent conferences, and  
12 other related activities;

13 (3) Provide academic instruction in basic education for a  
14 minimum of twenty (20) hours per week for each student;

15 (4) Provide required reports and student information to  
16 referring school districts; and

17 (5) Make available opportunities for students sixteen (16) years  
18 or older to take the General Educational Development (GED) test when all  
19 requirements to do so have been met.

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21 SECTION 3. (a) Minimum Foundation Program Aid (MFPA) for sixteen (16)  
22 and seventeen (17) year old students granted a waiver by a school district to  
23 enroll in an adult education program shall continue to accrue to the  
24 referring school district so long as the student remains in the adult  
25 education program.

26 (b) A tuition fee of sixty percent (60%) of the MFPA accruing to the  
27 referring school district for the period that the student is enrolled in the  
28 adult education program shall be paid to the Vocational and Technical  
29 Education Division of the State Department of Education for allocation to  
30 adult education programs on a per student basis. Such moneys shall be  
31 utilized by adult education programs for the benefit of sixteen (16) and  
32 seventeen (17) year old students for:

33 (1) Administrative costs;

34 (2) Teacher salaries;

35 (3) Supplies and other instructional needs; and

1           (4) Facilities.

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3           SECTION 4. *Rules and regulations for the implementation of this act*  
4 *shall be developed by the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the*  
5 *Department of Education in consultation with the General Education Division.*

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7           SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent  
8 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
9 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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11           SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
12 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
13 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
14 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
15 act are declared to be severable.

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17           SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
18 hereby repealed.

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