

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 219

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5 By: Senator Mahony

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL
10 REIMBURSE REMEDIATION COSTS TO STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE WITH
11 A 3.00 OR HIGHER GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND ARE REQUIRED BY
12 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO TAKE REMEDIAL COURSES;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

16 "TO PROVIDE THAT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS
17 SHALL REIMBURSE REMEDIATION COSTS TO
18 STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE WITH A 3.00 OR
19 HIGHER GPA AND ARE REQUIRED BY
20 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO TAKE
21 REMEDIAL COURSES."

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

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25 SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT. The General Assembly finds
26 that a disproportionate number of students are graduating from Arkansas public
27 schools with a 3.00 or higher grade point average on a 4.00 scale and are
28 subsequently required to enroll in remedial courses upon admission to
29 institutions of higher education. It is the intention of the General Assembly
30 by this act to provide an incentive to local school districts to ensure that
31 high school graduates with grades of B or above are not lacking in basic
32 skills and will not have to spend time and money on remedial courses when they
33 enroll in a college or university.

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35 SECTION 2. (a) Beginning with the 2004-05 school year, a local school
36 district shall reimburse costs of remediation to any student:

1 (1) Who was enrolled and attended schools in the district in
2 grades 9-12;

3 (2) Who was graduated from the school district with a 3.00 or
4 higher grade point average on a 4.00 scale, both cumulative and in courses in
5 the precollegiate core curriculum established by the State Board of Education
6 and State Board of Higher Education pursuant to § 6-61-217, or in courses from
7 an equivalent curriculum, and in other courses as established by the local
8 school district; and

9 (3) Who, during their first year of enrollment in an institution
10 of higher education which occurs within two (2) years of graduation from the
11 school district, is required, pursuant to § 6-61-110, to take remedial courses
12 in subject matter included in the precollegiate core curriculum or an
13 equivalent curriculum by the admitting institution of higher education.

14 (b) A local school district shall immediately reimburse costs for any
15 such remediation courses required by the institution of higher education upon
16 presentation by the student of:

- 17 (1) Course and book fees; and
- 18 (2) Successful course completion.

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20 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
21 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
22 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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24 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
25 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
26 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
27 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
28 act are declared to be severable.

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

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/s/Mahony

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