

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

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 475

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5 By: Senator Mahony

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF ARKANSAS CODE  
10 ANNOTATED §§ 6-16-801 ET SEQ. PERTAINING TO THE ADVANCED  
11 PLACEMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

### Subtitle

14 "TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF A.C.A.  
15 §§ 6-16-801 ET SEQ. PERTAINING TO THE  
16 ADVANCED PLACEMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM."

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

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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-16-802(a) is amended to read as  
21 follows:

22 "(a) The purpose of this subchapter is to serve as a legislative  
23 charter for the establishment, organization, and administration of a program  
24 designed to improve the course offerings available to middle school, junior  
25 high school, and high school students throughout the state."

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27 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-16-803 is amended to read as  
28 follows:

29 "6-16-803. Definitions.

30 As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

31 (1)(A) Advanced placement course means a high school level preparatory  
32 course for a college advanced placement test that incorporates all topics  
33 specified by the College Board and Educational Testing Service on its standard  
34 syllabus for a given subject area and is approved by the College Board and  
35 Educational Testing Service;

36 (B) Pre-advanced placement course means a middle school, junior

1 high school, or high school level course that specifically prepares students  
2 to enroll and participate in an advanced placement course;

3 (2) Board means the State Board of Education;

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

6 (4) College Board means the College Board and Educational Testing  
7 Service;

8 (5) Department means the General Education Division of the Department  
9 of Education;

10 (6) Director means the Director of General Education; and

11 (7) Program means the Arkansas Advanced Placement Incentive Program."  
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13 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-16-804 is amended to read as  
14 follows:

15 "6-16-804. Established - Subsidies - Rules and regulations.

16 (a) The Arkansas Advanced Placement Incentive Program is hereby  
17 established, to be administered by the Director of General Education.

18 (b)(1) Contingent upon legislative appropriations, schools  
19 participating in the program may be awarded a one-time equipment and/or  
20 instructional materials grant for providing an advanced placement course,  
21 based on criteria established by the department.

22 (2) Contingent upon legislative appropriations, schools will be  
23 awarded fifty dollars (\$50) for each score of three (3) or better earned by a  
24 student on any advanced placement test. *These funds shall be utilized in the*  
25 *schools' advanced placement programs.*

26 (c) Subject to legislative appropriations, a teacher participating in  
27 the program or in the pre-advanced placement program may be awarded subsidized  
28 teacher training for advanced placement courses at a cost not to exceed four  
29 hundred fifty dollars (\$450) per teacher.

30 (d)(1) The state will pay a share of the advanced placement test fee  
31 not to exceed sixty-five dollars (\$65.00).

32 (2) The State Board of Education shall create a sliding scale  
33 based on family income.

34 (3) The state will pay fifty dollars (\$50.00), for each test  
35 taken, as an economic supplement to each public school student who takes more  
36 than two (2) advanced placement tests in one (1) year.

1 \_\_\_\_\_~~(3)~~(4) All students taking advanced placement courses must take  
2 advanced placement tests or return the economic supplement.

3 (e) The State Board of Education is authorized to promulgate rules and  
4 regulations necessary to implement this subchapter."

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6 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
7 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
8 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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10 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
11 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
12 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
13 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
14 act are declared to be severable.

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16 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
17 hereby repealed.

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19 /s/Mahony

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