

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 623

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5 By: Senator Mahony
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A STUDY OF THE NEEDS OF VOCATIONAL
10 EDUCATION IN THIS STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

13 "TO PROVIDE FOR A STUDY OF THE NEEDS OF
14 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN THIS STATE."
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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18 SECTION 1. Coordinating Council for Skills and Technical Education.

19 (a) There is created the Coordinating Council for Skills and Technical
20 Education to be composed of eighteen (18) members as follows:

21 (1) One (1) member of the House of Representatives;

22 (2) One (1) member of the Senate;

23 (3) One (1) president or chancellor representing two-year
24 institutions of higher education;

25 (4) One (1) president or chancellor representing four-year
26 institutions of higher education;

27 (5) One (1) president or director representing technical
28 institutes;

29 (6) One (1) representative of adult education;

30 (7) One (1) representative of rehabilitation services;

31 (8) One (1) representative of secondary vocational education;

32 (9) One (1) representative of the Arkansas Industrial Development

33 Commission;

34 (10) One (1) representative of the Employment Security Department;

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36 (11) Seven (7) representatives of business, industry, and

1 organized labor.

2 (b)(1) The Speaker of the House shall appoint the member of the House
3 of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint
4 the member of the Senate.

5 (2) The Governor shall appoint the chair and the remaining
6 members of the council.

7 (c) In the event a vacancy occurs on the council, the vacancy will be
8 filled by the same process as the original appointment.

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10 SECTION 2. Powers and duties of the Coordinating Council for Skills and
11 Technical Education.

12 The Coordinating Council for Skills and Technical Education shall:

13 (1) develop and monitor a state plan for skills and technical
14 education, which shall include moving toward the establishment of at least one
15 area secondary vocational center in each education service cooperative area
16 and in Pulaski County;

17 (2) review and approve all rules and regulations relating to vocational
18 and technical education promulgated by the State Board of Education and the
19 State Board of Higher Education;

20 (3) coordinate all vocational and technical education issues that
21 require joint action by elementary and secondary education and higher
22 education;

23 (4) energize the private sector as partners in vocational and technical
24 education programming throughout the state;

25 (5) conduct periodic assessments of the effectiveness of vocational and
26 technical education and report the results to each member of the General
27 Assembly and the Governor, the first report to be no later than January 1,
28 1998;

29 (6) coordinate federal funding and program initiatives regarding
30 vocational and technical education; and

31 (7) develop a governance plan and by no later than January 1, 1998,
32 which shall be recommended to the Governor and to the General Assembly.

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34 SECTION 3. Staff support.

35 Staff support for the Coordinating Council for Skills and Technical
36 Education shall be provided by the Vocational and Technical Education Division

1 of the Department of Education.

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3 SECTION 4. Expiration.

4 All provisions of this act shall expire on January 2, 1998.

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6 SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
17 hereby repealed.

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/s/Mahony

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