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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT CONCERNING THE MODEL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL
10 EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER ACT OF 1993; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

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14 "AN ACT CONCERNING THE MODEL VOCATIONAL
15 TECHNICAL EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER ACT
16 OF 1993. "

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-51-1003 (a) is amended to read as follows:

22 "(a)(1) There is established a model resource center for a system of
23 multi county vocational -technical education services.

24 ~~(2) The model resource center shall be located within the~~
25 ~~Northeast Arkansas Education Services Cooperative service area established~~
26 ~~pursuant to § 6-13-1002 et seq.~~

27 (3)(2) The resource center shall be an intermediate service unit
28 in the state's vocational -technical education system for public schools and
29 other vocational, technical, or adult programs in the state and, as such,
30 shall be eligible to receive and expend funds from state and federal
31 governments, school districts, and other public or private sources. "

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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 6-51-1004 is amended to read as follows:

34 "6-51-1004. Board of directors.

35 (a)(1) Upon August 1, 1997, the resource center shall be governed by a
36 board of directors consisting of seven (7) members who are representative from

1 among the following groups: educational institutions, including those which
 2 focus on vocational and technical education; business and industry; parents;
 3 community organizations; and retired educators.

4 (2) At the first meeting of the board, the seven (7) positions
 5 shall be filled by those persons who served as board members immediately prior
 6 to August 1, 1997, with any vacancies thereafter filled by a majority vote of
 7 the remaining board members of the resource center.

8 (b) The board of directors of the resource center shall function as a
 9 public corporate body, shall meet at least four (4) times each year, and shall
 10 exercise general fiduciary responsibilities for the resource center with
 11 regard to policies and practices which guard the integrity of the center and
 12 maintain public trust in its operation.

13 (c) The responsibilities of the board, consistent with funds available,
 14 shall include, but not be limited to:

15 (1) Establishment of policies and procedures for the operation
 16 and management of the resource center, which shall be in written form and
 17 shall be filed with the State Board of ~~Vocational Education~~ Workforce
 18 Education and Career Opportunities;

19 (2) Preparation of an annual budget estimating income and
 20 expenditures for programs and services in accordance with procedures approved
 21 by the State Board of ~~Vocational Education~~ Workforce Education and Career
 22 Opportunities;

23 (3) Receipt and expenditure of funds needed to provide programs
 24 and services in the area;

25 (4) Renting, leasing, or receiving by gift such facilities and
 26 buildings as may be required to provide authorized programs and services;

27 (5)(A) Making such surveys or other inquiries which may be
 28 required to determine the service needs of school districts, other vocational,
 29 technical, or adult programs, and business and industry in the area served by
 30 the resource center; and

31 (B) developing plans to provide such needed services;

32 (6) Cooperation with school districts, other vocational,
 33 technical, or adult programs, business and industry, and other agencies to
 34 provide programs and services for children and adults residing within the
 35 areas;

36 (7) Employment of a director of the resource center who shall

1 serve as the nonvoting executive officer of the board of directors;

2 (8) Employment, upon the recommendations of the director of the
3 resource center, of such personnel as may be required to provide the services
4 requested in the area; and

5 (9) Carrying out such other duties as may be required for the
6 efficient operation of the resource center for which the board is responsible.

7 (d) The board may petition the State Board of ~~Vocational Education~~
8 Workforce Education and Career Opportunities to establish a vocational and
9 technical center which will provide, consistent with funds available,
10 vocational and technical education opportunities to students.”

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12 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 6-51-1005 is amended to read as follows:

13 “6-51-1005. Policies and procedures - Expenditures, reports, and audits.

14 (a) In consultation with the State Board of ~~Vocational Education~~
15 Workforce Education and Career Opportunities, the policies and procedures and
16 a strategic plan for the operation of the resource center shall be developed
17 and filed with the board prior to the opening of the center. These documents
18 shall be updated annually and filed with the board on or before June 1 of each
19 year.

20 (b)(1) Reports of receipts and expenditures shall also be filed with
21 the board on forms provided and time schedules set by the Director of
22 ~~Vocational and Technical Education~~ the Department of Workforce Education and
23 Career Opportunities. ~~These reports shall contain, but not be limited to, an~~
24 ~~itemization of administrative and programmatic expenditures.~~

25 (2) Expenditures shall be reported in accordance with uniform
26 accounting procedures adopted by the ~~Vocational and Technical Education~~
27 Division Department of Workforce Education.

28 (c) The resource center shall be subject to annual audits by the
29 Division of Legislative Audit.”

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31 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 6-51-1006 is amended to read as follows:

32 “6-51-1006. Programs and services.

33 (a) The programs and services of the resource center shall be based
34 upon the needs of the school districts and other vocational, technical, or
35 adult programs included in its service area and upon the educational
36 priorities of the state.

1 (b) The resource center may provide vocational -technical educational
 2 programs and services which the State Board of ~~Vocational Education Work~~
 3 Force Education and Career Opportunities may approve or which school districts
 4 or other vocational, technical, or adult programs may support with local
 5 funds."

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 7 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code 6-51-1008 (c) is amended to read as follows:

8 "(c) Categorical state or federal funds may be assigned to the resource
 9 center upon approval of its board of directors and under conditions set by the
 10 State Board of ~~Vocational Education Work Force Education and Career~~
 11 Opportunities or the State Board of Education."

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 13 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code 6-51-1009 (b) is amended to read as follows:

14 "(b) Certificate requirements shall be the same as those expected of
 15 persons holding similar positions in local school districts. However, the
 16 Director of ~~Vocational and Technical Education Department of Workforce~~
 17 Education may grant a waiver from this subsection in exceptional
 18 circumstances."

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 20 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code 6-51-1010 is amended to read as follows:

21 "6-51-1010. Agency personnel.

22 With the approval of the board of directors of the resource center, the
 23 Director of ~~Vocational and Technical Education the Department of Workforce~~
 24 Education and the Director of ~~General~~ Education may assign Department of
 25 Education personnel to the resource center."

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 27 SECTION 8. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature
 28 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
 29 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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 31 SECTION 9. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to
 32 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
 33 other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without
 34 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
 35 Act are declared to be severable.

1 SECTION 10. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are
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