

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2402

5 By: Representative Cowling
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO EXPAND THE ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE
9 PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

11 AN ACT TO EXPAND THE ARKANSAS BETTER
12 CHANGE PROGRAM.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-45-103 is amended to read as follows:
20 6-45-103. Definitions.

21 For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall
22 apply:

23 (1) "Appropriate early childhood program" means a developmentally
24 appropriate program for young children, ages birth through five (5), approved
25 by the Department of Education as complying with the regulatory guidelines of
26 the early childhood state accreditation by the Department of Human Services
27 and Arkansas Better Chance Core Quality Approval Standards of the Department
28 of Education to be issued by the department pursuant to this chapter;

29 (2) "Arkansas Early Childhood Commission" or "commission" means an
30 eighteen-member advisory body appointed by the Governor to perform certain
31 duties and responsibilities relating to the development, expansion, and
32 coordination of early childhood programs, including, but not limited to,
33 serving as the advisory body to the Department of Education on early
34 childhood program issues;

35 (3) "Arkansas HIPPIY Advisory Board" means a citizen board appointed
36 through the Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPIY)



1 Regional Technical Assistance and Training Center to develop public
2 awareness, to promote program expansion, to encourage local development of
3 the Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters, and to provide
4 consultation and guidance to the center; and

5 (4) "Department" means the Department of Education or its authorized
6 agents.

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8 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-45-106(a)(1)(A) is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 (a)(1)(A) Any ~~not-for-profit~~ licensed early childhood program with
11 early childhood accreditation by the Department of Human Services and meeting
12 the Arkansas Better Chance Core Quality Approval Standards of the Department
13 of Education may apply for funding, regardless of the sponsorship of the
14 program. Local school districts may apply for funding to operate early
15 childhood programs, not including public school kindergarten, but an
16 appropriate early childhood program need not be affiliated with a school
17 district in order to receive funding.

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