

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 2793

5 By: Representative R. Smith
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PARTICIPATE
10 IN CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT; TO DEVELOP STATEWIDE
11 CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER
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Subtitle

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15 PARTICIPATE IN CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT; TO
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. (a) For purposes of this section, "concurrent enrollment"
24 means college courses taken by high school students which qualify for college
25 credit and are approved for credit as a high school course.

26 (b) The local school board may adopt a policy to allow high school
27 students to participate in concurrent enrollment programs between the school
28 district and technical institutes, two-year colleges, and four-year colleges.

29 (c) If a local school board adopts a policy under subdivision (b) of
30 this section, the district must apply to the Department of Education through
31 the Assistant Director for Accountability for approval of courses to be
32 designated "concurrent enrollment college courses".

33 (d) The State Board of Education, the Arkansas Higher Education
34 Coordinating Board, and the State Board of Workforce Education and Career
35 Opportunities shall work together to develop guidelines for concurrent
36 enrollment programs for local school districts throughout the state.



1 (e)(1) Advanced placement courses shall be considered a special
2 category of concurrent enrollment.

3 (2) In order to receive college credit from an Arkansas
4 institution of higher education for advanced placement courses the student
5 shall take the applicable advanced placement exam for the course and achieve
6 the requisite score.

7 (3) Special category advanced placement courses shall be
8 considered high school courses for funding purposes and shall not generate
9 full-time equivalents for higher education.

10 (f) College instructors teaching concurrent courses at the high school
11 shall not be required to meet state licensure requirements.

12 (g)(1) A three-semester credit-hour college course will count as one-
13 half (1/2) Carnegie unit on the high school transcript.

14 (2) However, with an agreed upon articulated agreement, a three-
15 semester credit-hour course can count for one (1) Carnegie unit.

16 (h) The Department of Higher Education and the Department of Education
17 shall jointly prepare a list of courses that shall be accepted as fulfilling
18 the required high school course.

19 (i) Any college course taught at the high school shall meet the same
20 standards as the equivalent college course, including substantially similar
21 credentials of teacher, syllabus, textbook, and exams.

22 (j) If a school district uses the concurrent enrollment courses to
23 meet standards of accreditation, the district shall provide bus
24 transportation to facilitate students' access to concurrent enrollment
25 courses and record related expenses as student transportation costs.

26 /s/ R. Smith
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