1   State of Arkansas

2   85th General Assembly   A Bill

3   Regular Session, 2005   HOUSE BILL 1399

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5   By: Representative Mahony

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8   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9   AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A TEACHER-MENTOR PROGRAM;

10   AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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12   **Subtitle**

13   AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A TEACHER-MENTOR

14   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 Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 1 is amended

20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21   6-17-118. Program to provide a volunteer teacher as a mentor.

22   (a) The State Board of Education shall develop a statewide program for

23 teachers to voluntarily act as mentors to counsel students in grades nine

24 through twelve (9-12) of the public schools of this state in order to help

25 students set after-graduation goals and develop a personal plan to assist in

26 their achievement of those goals.

27   (b) To the extent reasonably practicable, the program shall provide

28 for:

29   (1) The student to have regular, one-on-one counseling with a

30 teacher about curriculum-related concerns, including graduation requirements,

31 course selection, grades, career interests, and college;

32   (2) Annual meetings with the student and his or her parents or

33 guardian to review the student's progress and select courses for the next

34 year;

35   (3) Ongoing communication with the parents or guardian about the

36 student's progress; and

1   (4) Other appropriate activities that will support the student's

2 efforts to achieve his or her after-graduation goals.

3   (c) By August 1, 2005, the board shall promulgate rules to implement

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