

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.

1 State of Arkansas
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As Engrossed: H3/18/05

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2516

5 By: Representative Pickett
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE REMEDIATION FOR STUDENTS
10 SCORING BELOW NINETEEN (19) ON THE AMERICAN
11 COLLEGE TEST; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO REQUIRE REMEDIATION FOR
14 STUDENTS SCORING BELOW NINETEEN (19) ON
15 THE AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 4 is amended
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 6-18-409. Remediation.

25 (a)(1) Beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, any student in grade
26 eleven (11) or the first semester of grade twelve (12) who has a sub-score of
27 less than nineteen (19) in any subsection tested on the American College Test
28 shall be provided with a State Board of Education approved intensive
29 remediation program specific to the identified deficiencies by a licensed
30 teacher certified to teach the subject area at the high school level, if the
31 student:

32 (A) Is enrolled in the Smart Core curriculum as
33 established by the Department of Education; and

34 (B) Has a grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0
35 scale immediately prior to taking the American College Test for the first
36 time in grade eleven (11) or the first semester of grade twelve (12).



1 (2) The cost of the remediation shall be the responsibility of
2 the school district where the student is enrolled during his or her senior
3 year in high school.

4 (3) The remediation shall be provided to the student during his
5 or her:

6 (A) First semester in grade twelve (12) if he or she has a
7 sub-score of less than nineteen (19) on an American College Test taken while
8 he or she was in grade eleven (11); or

9 (B) Their second semester in grade twelve (12), if he or
10 she has a sub-score of less than nineteen (19) on an American College Test
11 taken while he or she was in the first semester of grade twelve (12).

12 (b)(1) After completion of the remediation program, the school
13 district shall pay the cost of retaking the American College Test for any
14 student that participates in the remediation provided under subsection (a) of
15 this section.

16 (2) The cost of the first American College Test taken while he
17 or she was in grade eleven (11) or twelve (12) or any American College Test a
18 students chooses to take that does not follow a remediation program as
19 provided under subsection (a) of this section shall be the responsibility of
20 the students or as otherwise provided by law.

21 (c) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules necessary for the
22 implementation of this section and shall develop a process for approving
23 remediation programs that are offered by school districts to meet the
24 requirements of this section.

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26 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
27 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that school districts shall be
28 accountable for preparing students for higher education; that students need
29 to be provided the benefits of this act beginning with the 2005-2006 school
30 year; and that this act is immediately necessary because the school districts
31 need sufficient time to hire additional staff and establish a schedule for
32 the programs required under this act. Therefore, an emergency is declared to
33 exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the
34 public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

35 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

36 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,

1 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
2 bill; or

3 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
4 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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