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For An Act To Be Entitled

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13 AN ACT TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR ENDORSED
14 CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSES THAT MAY BE TAUGHT
15 ALONG WITH ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES IN HIGH
16 SCHOOLS; TO REPEAL THE CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT
17 COURSE APPROVAL PANEL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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21 ENDORSED CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSES
22 THAT MAY BE TAUGHT ALONG WITH ADVANCED
23 PLACEMENT COURSES IN HIGH SCHOOLS AND TO
24 REPEAL THE CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSE
25 APPROVAL PANEL.
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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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31 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-16-1202(2), concerning definition of a
32 concurrent enrollment course, is amended to read as follows:

33 (2) "~~Concurrent~~ Endorsed concurrent enrollment course" means a
34 college level course ~~or courses~~ offered by an institution of higher education
35 in this state:

36 (A) In one (1) of the four (4) core areas of math,



1 English, science, and social studies;

2 (B) That meets the requirements of § 6-16-1204(c); and

3 (C) which That upon completion would qualify for academic
4 credit in both the institution of higher education in this state and a public
5 high school;

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7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-16-1203 is amended to read as follows:
8 6-16-1203. Teacher skills and training.

9 (a)(1) A teacher of an advanced placement course must obtain
10 appropriate training.

11 ~~(b)(1)(2)~~ The State Board of Education shall establish clear,
12 specific, and challenging training guidelines that require teachers of
13 College Board advanced placement courses and teachers of pre-advanced
14 placement courses to obtain College Board sponsored or endorsed training.

15 ~~(2)(3)~~ The training may include vertical team training.

16 (b) An instructor of an endorsed concurrent enrollment course shall
17 have:

18 (1)(A) No less than a master's degree that includes at least
19 eighteen (18) hours of completed course work in a subject matter related to
20 the endorsed concurrent enrollment course.

21 (B) The instructor's credentials shall be approved by the
22 academic unit or chief academic officer of the institution of higher
23 education offering the endorsed concurrent enrollment course; and

24 (2) Advanced skills as necessary to teach from the same syllabus
25 as is used at the institution of higher education.

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27 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-16-1204 is amended to read as follows:
28 6-16-1204. Implementation ~~of advanced placement courses.~~

29 (a)(1) In order to prepare students for the rigor inherent in advanced
30 placement courses, school districts shall offer pre-advanced placement
31 courses to prepare students for the demands of advanced placement coursework.

32 ~~(b)(2)~~ The Department of Education shall+

33 ~~(1) Approve~~ approve all classes designated as pre-advanced
34 placement courses; ~~and~~

35 ~~(2) Develop rules necessary for the implementation of~~
36 ~~advanced placement courses.~~

1 (b)(1) An institution of higher education in this state may only award
 2 credit for an advanced placement course if the student makes the requisite
 3 score on the advanced placement exam for the course.

4 (2) An institution of higher education may not count the hours
 5 earned by a student enrolled in an advanced placement course for purposes of
 6 full time equivalent funding.

7 (3) The department shall establish rules to implement the
 8 provisions of this subchapter concerning advanced placement courses.

9 (c) An endorsed concurrent enrollment course must meet the following
 10 requirements:

11 (1) The course must be a course offered by an institution of
 12 higher learning in this state, that is:

13 (A) Approved through the institution of higher learning's
 14 normal process; and

15 (B) Listed in the institution of higher learning's
 16 catalog;

17 (2) The course content and instruction must meet the same
 18 standards and adopt the same learning outcomes as those developed for a
 19 course taught on the campus of the institution of higher education, including
 20 without limitation:

21 (A) The administration of any departmental exams
 22 applicable to the course; and

23 (B) The use of substantially the same book and syllabus as
 24 is used at the college level;

25 (3) The course must be taught by an instructor with the
 26 qualifications required under § 6-16-1203(b);

27 (4) The course must be available at no cost to the public school
 28 student;

29 (5) The institution of higher education offering the course
 30 must:

31 (A) Provide to the course instructor staff development,
 32 supervision, evaluation; and

33 (B) Provide the students enrolled in the course with:

34 (i) Academic guidance counseling; and

35 (ii) The opportunity to utilize the on-campus
 36 library or other academic resources of the institution of higher education;

1 (6) To be eligible to enroll in an endorsed concurrent enrollment
 2 course, the student must:

3 (A) Be admitted by the institution of higher education as
 4 a non-degree or non-certificate seeking student; and

5 (B) Meet all of the prerequisites for the course in which
 6 he or she is enrolled; and

7 (7) Credit for the endorsed concurrent enrollment course may
 8 only be awarded by the institution of higher education offering the course.

9 ~~(e)(d)(1) Beginning with the 2008-2009 2007-2008 school year, all~~
 10 ~~school districts public high schools in Arkansas shall offer one (1) College~~
 11 ~~Board advanced placement course, endorsed concurrent enrollment course, or a~~
 12 ~~combination thereof in each three (3) of the four (4) core areas of math,~~
 13 ~~English, science, and social studies for a total of four (4) courses.~~

14 ~~(d)(1) The requirement under subsection (e) of this section shall be~~
 15 ~~phased in over a period of four (4) years beginning with the 2005-2006~~
 16 ~~school year.~~

17 (2) Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, all public high
 18 schools in Arkansas shall offer a minimum of four (4) advanced placement
 19 courses, endorsed concurrent enrollment courses, or a combination thereof,
 20 consisting of by adding at least one (1) core course in each of the four (4)
 21 core areas of math, English, science, and social studies each year to the
 22 list of courses available to high school students.

23 (e) An endorsed concurrent enrollment course:

24 (1) Is a weighted credit course; and

25 (2) Shall be treated the same as an advanced placement course
 26 for purposes of the funding provisions of The Arkansas Advanced Placement,
 27 Endorsed Concurrent Enrollment, and International Baccalaureate Diploma
 28 Incentive Program Act of 2007, § 6-16-801 et seq.

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 30 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-16-1205 is repealed.

31 ~~6-16-1205. Concurrent Enrollment Course Approval Panel.~~

32 ~~(a) There is established a panel to be known as the "Concurrent~~
 33 ~~Enrollment Course Approval Panel".~~

34 ~~(b) The panel shall consist of six (6) members as follows:~~

35 ~~(1) Three (3) persons appointed by the Commissioner of~~
 36 ~~Education; and~~

1 ~~(2) Three (3) persons appointed by the Director of the~~
 2 ~~Department of Higher Education.~~

3 ~~(c) The appointed panel members shall be:~~

4 ~~(1) Knowledgeable regarding advanced placement coursework or~~
 5 ~~concurrent enrollment coursework; and~~

6 ~~(2) Residents of the State of Arkansas at the time of~~
 7 ~~appointment and throughout their terms.~~

8 ~~(d) Members shall serve at the pleasure of the director making his or~~
 9 ~~her appointment.~~

10 ~~(e) If a vacancy occurs in an appointed position for any reason, the~~
 11 ~~vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the director of the department who~~
 12 ~~made the original appointment.~~

13 ~~(f)(1) Panel members appointed by the Commissioner of Education and~~
 14 ~~the Director of the Department of Higher Education shall alternate serving as~~
 15 ~~chair of the panel each year.~~

16 ~~(2) The Commissioner of Education and the Director of the~~
 17 ~~Department of Higher Education shall alternate each year naming a person to~~
 18 ~~serve as chair of the panel.~~

19 ~~(3) The Commissioner of Education and the Director of the~~
 20 ~~Department of Higher Education shall draw lots to determine which director~~
 21 ~~shall first appoint a chair.~~

22 ~~(g)(1) The panel shall meet at times and places the chair deems~~
 23 ~~necessary, but no meetings shall be held outside of the State of Arkansas.~~

24 ~~(2) A majority of the members of the panel shall constitute a~~
 25 ~~quorum for the purpose of transacting business.~~

26 ~~(3) All action of the panel shall be by a majority vote of the~~
 27 ~~full membership of the panel.~~

28 ~~(h) For the purposes of access and equity, the panel shall make~~
 29 ~~recommendations to the Department of Education and the Department of Higher~~
 30 ~~Education regarding the rules for offering of advanced placement courses or~~
 31 ~~concurrent enrollment courses, or both.~~

32 ~~(i) The Department of Higher Education and the Department of Education~~
 33 ~~may jointly promulgate rules for offering of advanced placement courses or~~
 34 ~~concurrent enrollment courses, or both, based upon the recommendations of the~~
 35 ~~panel.~~

36 ~~(j)(1) The Department of Higher Education shall provide staff and~~

1 ~~office space to the panel.~~

2 ~~(2)(A) Members of the panel shall serve without pay.~~

3 ~~(B) Members of the panel may receive expense reimbursement~~
4 ~~in accordance with § 25-16-902, to be paid by the Department of Higher~~
5 ~~Education to the extent that money is available.~~

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7 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 8 is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 6-16-801. Title.

10 This subchapter shall be known as and may be cited as the "Arkansas
11 Advanced Placement, Endorsed Concurrent Enrollment, and International
12 Baccalaureate Diploma Incentive Program Act of ~~1995~~2007".

13
14 6-16-802. Purpose.

15 (a) The purpose of this subchapter is to serve as a legislative
16 charter for the establishment, organization, and administration of a program
17 designed to improve the course offerings available to middle school, junior
18 high school, and high school students throughout the state.

19 (b) The program established under this subchapter will provide
20 advanced educational courses that are easily accessible and that will prepare
21 students for admission to and success in a postsecondary educational
22 environment.

23 (c) A key component in the program is adequately preparing teachers
24 and schools in providing advanced placement courses, endorsed concurrent
25 enrollment courses, or courses offered under the International Baccalaureate
26 Diploma Program to their students.

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28 6-16-803. Definitions.

29 As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

30 (1)(A) "Advanced placement course" means a high school level
31 preparatory course for a college advanced placement test that incorporates
32 all topics specified by the College Board and Educational Testing Service on
33 its standard syllabus for a given subject area and is approved by the College
34 Board and Educational Testing Service.

35 (B) "Preadvanced placement course" means a middle school,
36 junior high school, or high school level course that specifically prepares

1 students to enroll and participate in an advanced placement course;

2 ~~(2) "Board" means the State Board of Education;~~

3 ~~(3)~~(2) "College advanced placement test" means the advanced
4 placement test administered by the College Board and Educational Testing
5 Service;

6 ~~(4)~~(3) "College Board" means the College Board and Educational
7 Testing Service;

8 ~~(5) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Education;~~

9 (4) "Endorsed concurrent enrollment course" means a college
10 level course offered by an institution of higher education;

11 (A) In one (1) of the four (4) core areas of math,
12 English, science, and social studies;

13 (B) That meets the requirements of § 6-16-1204(c); and

14 (C) That upon completion would qualify for academic credit
15 in both the institution of higher education and a public high school; and

16 ~~(6) "Department" means the Department of Education;~~

17 ~~(7)~~(5) "International Baccalaureate Diploma Program" means an
18 international education program offered by the International Baccalaureate
19 Organization; ~~and~~

20 ~~(8) "Program" means the Arkansas Advanced Placement and~~
21 ~~International Baccalaureate Diploma Incentive Program.~~

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23 6-16-804. Established - Subsidies - Rules and regulations.

24 (a) The Arkansas Advanced Placement, Endorsed Concurrent Enrollment,
25 and International Baccalaureate Diploma Incentive Program is hereby
26 established, to be administered by the Commissioner of Education.

27 (b) Contingent upon legislative appropriations and based on criteria
28 established by the Department of Education, schools participating in the
29 program may be awarded a one-time equipment and instructional materials grant
30 for providing an advanced placement course, an endorsed concurrent enrollment
31 course, or a course offered under the International Baccalaureate Diploma
32 Program.

33 (c) Subject to legislative appropriations, a public school teacher
34 participating in the advanced placement program, in an endorsed concurrent
35 enrollment course, in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, or in
36 the preadvanced placement program may be awarded subsidized teacher training

1 for ~~the advanced placement~~ courses, at a cost not to exceed six hundred fifty
 2 dollars (\$650) per teacher.

3 (d)(1) Contingent upon legislative appropriation and the availability
 4 of funding, the state ~~may~~ shall pay in full, or on a pro rata basis as
 5 determined under subdivision (d)(2) of this section, the cost of:

6 (A) ~~The~~ The advanced placement test fee;

7 (B) An equivalent stipend to a student enrolled in an
 8 endorsed concurrent enrollment course; or

9 (C) ~~the~~ The equivalent test fee under the International
 10 Baccalaureate Diploma Program, or both.

11 (2) The State Board of Education may create a sliding scale
 12 based on family income.

13 (e) The board is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations
 14 necessary to implement this subchapter.

15
 16 6-16-805. Funding.

17 (a)(1) The awards, grants, and stipends granted under the provisions
 18 of this subchapter for ~~both~~ advanced placement courses, endorsed concurrent
 19 enrollment courses, and courses offered by the International Baccalaureate
 20 Diploma Program may be funded by donations, grants, or legislative
 21 appropriation.

22 ~~(b)(2)~~ All donations, grants, and appropriations received shall
 23 be accounted for by the Department of Education.

24 (b) An institution of higher education may waive or reduce the tuition
 25 for an endorsed concurrent enrollment course without penalty under the higher
 26 education funding formulas.

27 (c) The Commissioner of Education or the Director of the Department of
 28 Higher Education may solicit and receive donations and grants for the purpose
 29 of making awards.

30 (d) The state's funding of an endorsed concurrent enrollment course
 31 shall not be less than the state's funding for paid for advanced placement
 32 testing and staff development for an advanced placement course under this
 33 subchapter.

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 35 6-16-806. Treatment as advanced placement course.

36 Any high school course offered under the International Baccalaureate

1 Diploma Program shall be treated the same as an advanced placement course,
2 including for the following purposes:

- 3 (1) Weighted credit;
- 4 (2) The Arkansas Advanced Placement and the International
5 Baccalaureate Diploma Incentive Program Act of 1995; and
- 6 (3) Reporting requirements.

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8 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
9 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that many high school students
10 benefit from participating in endorsed concurrent enrollment courses; that
11 this act is necessary to ensure that students continue to have the
12 opportunity to enroll in endorsed concurrent enrollment classes; and that
13 this act is immediately necessary to allow school districts time to plan
14 schedules and hire staff prior to the 2007-2008 school year. Therefore, an
15 emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for
16 the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become
17 effective on:

- 18 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;
- 19 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
20 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
21 bill; or
- 22 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
23 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.