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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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22 ENDORSED CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSES
23 THAT MAY BE TAUGHT ALONG WITH ADVANCED
24 PLACEMENT COURSES IN HIGH SCHOOLS AND TO
25 REPEAL THE CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSE
26 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 ~~which~~ that upon completion would qualify for academic credit in
36 both the institution of higher education and a public high school that;



1 (A) Is in one (1) of the four (4) core areas of math,
2 English, science, and social studies;

3 (B) Meets the requirements of § 6-16-1204(b); and

4 (C) Is listed in the Arkansas Course Transfer System of
5 the Department of Higher Education.

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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 the subject area of the
20 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) The relevant credentials and experience necessary to teach
25 from the syllabus approved by the institution of higher education granting
26 the course credit.

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28 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-16-1204 is amended to read as follows:
29 6-16-1204. Implementation ~~of advanced placement courses.~~

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

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

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

36 ~~(2) Develop rules necessary for the implementation of~~

1 ~~advanced placement courses.~~

2 (b) An endorsed concurrent enrollment course must meet the following
3 requirements:

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

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

8 (B) Listed in the institution of higher learning's
9 catalog;

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

14 (A) The administration of any departmental exams
15 applicable to the course; and

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

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

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

22 (5) The institution of higher education offering the course
23 must:

24 (A) Provide to the course instructor staff development,
25 supervision, evaluation; and

26 (B)(i) Provide the students enrolled in the course with:

27 (a) Academic guidance counseling; and

28 (b) The opportunity to utilize the on-campus
29 library or other academic resources of the institution of higher education.

30 (ii) Nothing in this subdivision (b)(5) shall
31 preclude institutions of higher education from collaborating to meet the
32 requirements of this subdivision (b)(5);

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

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

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

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

5 (B) Nothing in this subdivision (b)(7) shall preclude
 6 institutions of higher education from collaborating to provide the course and
 7 award course credit.

8 (c) An endorsed concurrent enrollment course shall be treated the same
 9 as an advanced placement course for purposes of the funding provisions of the
 10 Arkansas Advanced Placement, Endorsed Concurrent Enrollment, and
 11 International Baccalaureate Diploma Incentive Program Act of 2007, § 6-16-801
 12 et seq.

13 ~~(e)(d)~~ Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, all school districts
 14 shall offer one (1) College Board advanced placement course in each of the
 15 four (4) core areas of math, English, science, and social studies for a total
 16 of four (4) courses.

17 ~~(d)(1)(e)(1)~~ The requirement under subsection ~~(e)(d)~~ of this section
 18 shall be phased in over a period of four (4) years beginning with the 2005-
 19 2006 school year.

20 (2) Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, all high schools
 21 in Arkansas shall offer a minimum of four (4) advanced placement courses by
 22 adding at least one (1) core course each year to the list of courses
 23 available to high school students.

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

26 ~~6-16-1205. Concurrent Enrollment Course Approval Panel.~~

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

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

30 ~~(1) Three (3) persons appointed by the Commissioner of~~
 31 ~~Education; and~~

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

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

35 ~~(1) Knowledgeable regarding advanced placement coursework or~~
 36 ~~concurrent enrollment coursework; and~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 ~~(i) The Department of Higher Education and the Department of Education~~
28 ~~may jointly promulgate rules for offering of advanced placement courses or~~
29 ~~concurrent enrollment courses, or both, based upon the recommendations of the~~
30 ~~panel.~~

31 ~~(j)(1) The Department of Higher Education shall provide staff and~~
32 ~~office space to the panel.~~

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

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

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

6-16-801. Title.

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

6-16-802. Purpose.

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

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

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

6-16-803. Definitions.

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

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

(B) "Preadvanced placement course" means a middle school, junior high school, or high school level course that specifically prepares students to enroll and participate in an advanced placement course;

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

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

1 ~~(4)~~(3) "College Board" means the College Board and Educational
2 Testing Service;

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

4 (4) "Endorsed concurrent enrollment course" means a college
5 level course offered by an institution of higher education:

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

8 (B) That meets the requirements of § 6-16-1204(b); and

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

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

12 ~~(7)~~(5) "International Baccalaureate Diploma Program" means an
13 international education program offered by the International Baccalaureate
14 Organization; ~~and~~

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

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18 6-16-804. Established - Subsidies - Rules and regulations.

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

22 (b) Contingent upon legislative appropriations and based on criteria
23 established by the Department of Education, schools participating in the
24 program may be awarded a one-time equipment and instructional materials grant
25 *for providing an advanced placement course or a course offered under the*
26 *International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.*

27 (c) Subject to legislative appropriations, a public school teacher
28 *participating in the advanced placement program, in the International*
29 *Baccalaureate Diploma Program, or in the preadvanced placement program* may be
30 awarded subsidized teacher training for *advanced placement* courses, at a cost
31 not to exceed six hundred fifty dollars (\$650) per teacher.

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

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

36 (B) An equivalent stipend paid to a school district for a

1 student enrolled in an endorsed concurrent enrollment course; or
2 (C) the The equivalent test fee under the International
3 Baccalaureate Diploma Program, ~~or both.~~

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

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

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9 6-16-805. Funding.

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

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

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

20 (c) The Commissioner of Education or the Director of the Department of
21 Higher Education may solicit and receive donations and grants for the purpose
22 of making awards.

23 (d) The state's funding of an endorsed concurrent enrollment course
24 shall not be less than the state's funding paid for advanced placement
25 testing for an advanced placement course under this subchapter.

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27 6-16-806. Treatment as advanced placement course.

28 Any high school course offered under the International Baccalaureate
29 Diploma Program shall be treated the same as an advanced placement course,
30 including for the following purposes:

31 (1) Weighted credit;

32 (2) The Arkansas Advanced Placement and the International
33 Baccalaureate Diploma Incentive Program Act of 1995; and

34 (3) Reporting requirements.

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36 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the

1 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that many high school students
2 benefit from participating in endorsed concurrent enrollment courses; that
3 this act is necessary to ensure that students continue to have the
4 opportunity to enroll in endorsed concurrent enrollment classes; and that
5 this act is immediately necessary to allow school districts time to plan
6 schedules and hire staff prior to the 2007-2008 school year. Therefore, an
7 emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for
8 the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become
9 effective on:

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

11 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
12 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
13 bill; or

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

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