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For An Act To Be Entitled

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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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23 THAT MAY BE TAUGHT ALONG WITH ADVANCED
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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:

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34 (2) "~~Concurrent~~ Endorsed concurrent enrollment course" means a
35 college level course ~~or courses~~ offered by an institution of higher education
36 in this state ~~which~~ that upon completion would qualify for academic credit in
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 institution of higher education offering the course
21 must:

22 (A) Provide to the course instructor staff development,
23 supervision, evaluation; and

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

25 (a) Academic guidance counseling; and

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

28 (ii) Nothing in this subdivision (b)(4) shall
29 preclude institutions of higher education from collaborating to meet the
30 requirements of this subdivision (b)(4);

31 (5) To be eligible to enroll in an endorsed concurrent enrollment
32 course, the student must:

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

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

1 (6)(A) Credit for the endorsed concurrent enrollment course may
2 only be awarded by the institution of higher education offering the course.

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

6 (c) Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, all school districts
7 shall offer one (1) College Board advanced placement course in each of the
8 four (4) core areas of math, English, science, and social studies for a total
9 of four (4) courses.

10 (d)(1) The requirement under subsection (c) of this section shall be
11 phased in over a period of four (4) years beginning with the 2005-2006 school
12 year.

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

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

19 ~~6-16-1205. Concurrent Enrollment Course Approval Panel.~~

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

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

23 ~~(1) Three (3) persons appointed by the Commissioner of~~
24 ~~Education; and~~

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

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

28 ~~(1) Knowledgeable regarding advanced placement coursework or~~
29 ~~concurrent enrollment coursework; and~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 ~~(i) The Department of Higher Education and the Department of Education~~
21 ~~may jointly promulgate rules for offering of advanced placement courses or~~
22 ~~concurrent enrollment courses, or both, based upon the recommendations of the~~
23 ~~panel.~~

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

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

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

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31 ~~SECTION 5. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. Contingent upon legislative~~
32 ~~appropriation and the availability of funding, Rich Mountain Community~~
33 ~~College shall develop a two-year pilot program implementing endorsed~~
34 ~~concurrent enrollment courses for public high school students at no cost to~~
35 ~~the enrolled students.~~

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