

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
2 86th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2007
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1885

5 By: Representative Lamoureux
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
10 OF EDUCATION FOR PILOT PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN
11 CHARACTER EDUCATION IN ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
16 - CHARACTER EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM
17 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - CHARACTER EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM. There is
24 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
25 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
26 following:

27 (A) For a pilot program to strengthen character education in Arkansas, the
28 sum of\$800,000.
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30 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CHARACTER
32 EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM. The Department of Education shall use the monies
33 appropriated in Section 1 of this Act to fund a pilot program to strengthen
34 character education in Arkansas. The pilot program will meet the following
35 requirements:
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- 1 1) work through physical education and organized athletic programs;
- 2 2) be digitally based and accessible through the internet;
- 3 3) serve grades three through twelve;
- 4 4) include educational components for students, parents, and coaches;
- 5 5) provide sportsmanship and steroid education curriculum; and
- 6 6) include electronic reporting and possess the ability to track the
- 7 progress and activity of participating schools, students, coaches, and
- 8 parents.

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10 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor

11 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects

12 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available

13 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and

14 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and

15 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or

16 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State

17 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects

18 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds

19 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General

20 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall

21 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

22 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing

23 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue

24 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State

25 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,

26 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any

27 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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29 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly

30 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained

31 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act

32 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations

33 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by

34 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral

35 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or

36 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.