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HOUSE BILL 1097

By: Representative Carnine

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT MENTORING
PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
MENTORING PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 4 is amended
to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-17-427. Superintendent license -- Superintendent mentoring program
required.

(a)(1) Beginning September 1, 2011, a first-year Arkansas licensed
superintendent shall complete a superintendent mentoring program within
twelve (12) months of obtaining or maintaining employment as a superintendent
to maintain his or her superintendent licensure;

(2) A superintendent is not required to complete a superintendent
mentoring program under subdivision (a)(1) of this section if the
superintendent comes from a superintendent position in another state to
accept a superintendent position in Arkansas.

(b)(1) The Department of Education shall develop a superintendent
mentoring program and may contract the implementation of this program to
other providers.

(2) The superintendent mentoring program shall include, without
limitation, instruction addressing:

(A) Curriculum and instruction;



(B) Ethics;

(C) Facilities;

(D) Human resources;

(E) Leadership;

(F) School funding; and

(G) Technology.

(3) All training that is required for first-year superintendents shall be incorporated into the superintendent mentoring program.

(c) The superintendent mentoring program shall only be developed and required if adequate funding is provided.

(d) The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

/s/Carnine