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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2109

5 By: Representative English
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CAREER
9 EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE SIXTEEN, SEVENTEEN, OR
10 EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND SUCCESSFULLY PASS A GENERAL
11 EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEST UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
12 THE DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 CAREER EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE
19 SIXTEEN, SEVENTEEN, OR EIGHTEEN YEARS OF
20 AGE AND SUCCESSFULLY PASS A GENERAL
21 EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEST UNDER THE
22 DIRECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 18 is amended to add an
28 additional subchapter to read as follows:

29 Subchapter 18 -- Adult Education High School Diploma
30 6-18-1801. Student counted as a high school completer.

31 (a) A student shall be counted as a high school completer if the
32 student:

33 (1) Is at least sixteen (16) years of age and not more than
34 eighteen (18) years of age;

35 (2) Was accepted into an adult education program § 6-18-201 that
36 is operated by the Department of Career Education, Adult Education Section;



1 (3) Has successfully completed the General Educational
2 Development tests administered under the adult education program.

3 (b) The secondary school responsible for the education of the student
4 who qualifies as a high school completer under this section may grant a high
5 school diploma to the student.

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7 6-18-1802. Funding.

8 (a)(1) Each year on July 1, the Department of Education shall transfer
9 to the Department of Career Education from the Public School Fund an amount
10 equal to one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600) for each student who in
11 the preceding school year:

12 (A) Was sixteen (16), seventeen (17), or eighteen (18)
13 years of age; and

14 (B) Earned a high school diploma under § 6-18-1801 during
15 the preceding school year.

16 (2) The Department of Career Education shall use the funding to
17 support the adult education programs of the Department of Career Education.

18 (b) The Department of Education may distribute to the secondary school
19 that awards the high school diploma to a student under this subchapter, in
20 addition to all other state funding received by the school, an amount of
21 funding equal to the amount received by the Department of Career Education
22 for the student.

23 (c) The per-student funding amount under this subchapter shall be
24 increased or decreased at the same proportional rate as the per-student
25 foundation funding amount under § 6-20-2305.

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