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5 By: Senator Crumbly

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE REGIONAL *EDUCATIONAL CAREER*

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ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR ADJUDICATED YOUTH; AND

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FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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TO ESTABLISH THE REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL

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CAREER ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR

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ADJUDICATED YOUTH.

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

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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 11, Subchapter 2 is amended*

22 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

23 *6-11-208. Regional Educational Career Alternative School System for*

24 *Adjudicated Youth -- Multiagency commission -- Formation.*

25 *(a)(1) A multiagency commission, staffed and supported by the*

26 *Department of Career Education, is established and shall consist of five (5)*

27 *members, including:*

28 *(A) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee;*

29 *(B) The Director of the Department of Career Education or*

30 *his or her designee;*

31 *(C) The Director of the Department of Higher Education or*

32 *his or her designee;*

33 *(D) The Director of the Department of Human Services or*

34 *his or her designee; and*

35 *(E) The Director of the Department of Workforce Services*

36 *or his or her designee.*



1 (2) Funding for the multiagency commission shall be provided by:

2 (A) The Department of Career Education; or

3 (B) Each agency that serves on the multiagency commission,
4 in an equal amount.

5 (3) The multiagency commission shall:

6 (A) Establish criteria and standards for a career-based
7 curriculum to be offered in the Regional Educational Career Alternative
8 School System for Adjudicated Youth;

9 (B) Formulate and recommend how to operate a Regional
10 Educational Career Alternative School System for Adjudicated Youth; and

11 (C) Strive to open at least one (1) Regional Educational
12 Career Alternative School for Adjudicated Youth no later than the 2012-2013
13 school year.

14 (4) Beginning on October 1, 2011, the multiagency commission
15 shall provide status reports to the interim House Committee on Aging,
16 Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs and the Senate Interim
17 Committee on Children and Youth one (1) time each quarter.

18 (b) The Regional Educational Career Alternative School System for
19 Adjudicated Youth may consist of at least one (1) but not more than five (5)
20 Regional Educational Career Alternative Schools for Adjudicated Youth.

21 (c) A Regional Educational Career Alternative School for Adjudicated
22 Youth shall offer without limitation:

23 (1) At least the minimum twenty-two (22) credit curriculum
24 required to obtain a diploma;

25 (2) Vocational education and certificates;

26 (3) Career education services, including the General Educational
27 Development Test;

28 (4) Special education services; and

29 (5) Support services.

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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-27-323(e), concerning diversion
32 agreements, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

33 (e) Diversion agreements shall be limited to providing for:

34 (1) Nonjudicial probation under the supervision of the intake
35 officer or probation officer for a period during which the juvenile may be
36 required to comply with specified conditions concerning his or her conduct

1 *and activities;*

2 *(2) Participation in a court-approved program of education,*
3 *counseling, or treatment;*

4 *(3) Participation in a court-approved teen court; ~~and~~*

5 *(4) Participation in a juvenile drug court program; and*

6 *(5) Enrollment in the Regional Educational Career Alternative*

7 *School.*

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