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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE
10 ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INSTITUTIONS
11 OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND REMEDIATION; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2009(f), concerning public school*
25 *assessments and remediation, is amended to add an additional subdivision to*
26 *read as follows:*

27 *(11) The state board, in consultation with the Arkansas Higher*
28 *Education Coordinating Board, may promulgate rules to implement remedial*
29 *course requirements and cost allocations under § 6-61-110, including without*
30 *limitation:*

31 *(A) Procedures and criteria for public school or school*
32 *district certification of a student's completion of an individualized*
33 *academic improvement plan required under this section; and*

34 *(B) Procedures and deadlines for public school or school*
35 *district payments for the cost of remediation allocated to the public school*
36 *or school district.*



1 Education Coordinating Board under subsection (d) of this section.

2 (2) ~~The board~~ Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
3 base these decisions on:

4 (A) Consultation with representatives of the state-
5 supported institutions of higher education;

6 (B) Analysis of the placement procedures presently used by
7 state-supported institutions of higher education in the state;

8 (C) Statewide placement testing programs in other states;
9 and

10 (D) Pilot projects involving testing of entering freshmen
11 at selected state-supported institutions of higher education in the state.

12 (3) ~~The board~~ Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in
13 collaboration with state-supported institutions of higher education, shall
14 ~~develop~~ approve by institution ~~uniform~~ measurable exit standards for remedial
15 courses ~~that are comparable to the ACT or SAT equivalent required for~~
16 ~~college-level enrollment in credit courses to be implemented no later than~~
17 ~~the fall semester of 2010.~~

18 (d)(1) ~~The board~~ Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
19 work with state-supported institutions of higher education to:

20 (A) ~~Develop~~ Approve strategies for innovative alternatives
21 to traditional instruction and delivery methods for remedial courses; and

22 (B) Provide professional development opportunities to help
23 remedial education faculty gain knowledge in best practices and trends in the
24 instruction and delivery of remedial education.

25 (2) ~~The board~~ Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
26 report periodically to the House Committee on Education and the Senate
27 Committee on Education ~~by February 1, 2010,~~ on the progress made in
28 addressing the requirements in subdivision (d)(1) of this section.

29 (e)(1) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in
30 collaboration with the State Board of Education and state-supported
31 institutions of higher education, shall develop a system to determine which
32 entity is required to pay the cost of remedial courses and other forms of
33 remediation that are required for students that graduate from an Arkansas
34 public school after January 1, 2016.

35 (2) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board may adopt
36 rules to implement subdivision (e)(1) of this section, including without

1 limitation rules to:

2 (A) Allocate the cost of remediation between designated
3 entities and individuals;

4 (B) Define criteria, procedures, and percentages for cost
5 allocation and payment;

6 (C) Establish criteria to determine student eligibility
7 for cost allocation; and

8 (D) Specify the cost to be allocated, which may include
9 without limitation:

10 (i) Tuition;

11 (ii) Fees;

12 (iii) Books; and

13 (iv) Incidental expenses.

14 (3) The rules adopted by the Arkansas Higher Education
15 Coordinating Board, in collaboration with the State Board of Education, may
16 provide that a portion of the cost of remediation may be allocated to a
17 public school district or open-enrollment public charter school.

18 (4) A public school or school district may use national school
19 lunch state categorical funding provided under § 6-20-2305 to pay its share
20 of the cost of remediation allocated under this section.

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