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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1459

5 By: Representative C. Douglas
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN THE AWARDING OF
9 COURSE CREDITS; TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO
10 DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN THAT ENABLES A STUDENT
11 TO EARN COURSE CREDITS BY DEMONSTRATING SUBJECT
12 MATTER COMPETENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN THE AWARDING OF
16 COURSE CREDITS; AND TO ALLOW A PUBLIC
17 SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT
18 A PLAN THAT ENABLES A STUDENT TO EARN
19 COURSE CREDITS BY DEMONSTRATING SUBJECT
20 MATTER COMPETENCY.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 2, is amended
27 to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 6-15-216. Flexibility in awarding course credit.

29 (a)(1) Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, a public school
30 district may submit a plan for approval to the State Board of Education to
31 award units of high school course credit based on a demonstration of subject
32 matter competency instead of, or in combination with, completing hours of
33 classroom instruction.

34 (2) The plan shall include a method for recording demonstrated
35 subject matter competency on high school transcripts.

36 (b) Upon approval, a public school district shall not be in violation



1 of any requirement in the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public
2 Schools and School Districts that units of credit be awarded for a minimum
3 number of clock hours if the public school district awards units of credit
4 based on a demonstration of subject matter competency instead of, or in
5 combination with, completing hours of classroom instruction if the awarding
6 of credit is in compliance with the public school district's approved plan.

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