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SENATE BILL 140

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING LAWS REGARDING APPRENTICESHIP AND
9 TRAINING PROGRAMS, SCHOOL APPROVAL, AND MEMBERSHIP ON
10 BOARDS WITH RESPECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CAREER
11 EDUCATION; TO AMEND THE NAME OF THE YOUTH
12 APPRENTICESHIP/WORK-BASED LEARNING PROGRAM; TO REPEAL
13 THE REQUIREMENT THAT APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS
14 HAVE A CO-SPONSOR; TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS HIGHER
15 EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD TO APPROVE
16 COSMETOLOGICAL SCHOOLS IN PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL
17 INSTITUTIONS; TO REQUIRE A MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS THE
18 FOUR-YEAR STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
19 EDUCATION SIT ON THE CAREER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE
20 DEVELOPMENT BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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23 TO AMEND CERTAIN LAWS REGARDING
24 APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING PROGRAMS,
25 SCHOOL APPROVAL, AND MEMBERSHIP ON BOARDS
26 WITH RESPECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CAREER
27 EDUCATION.
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31 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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33 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-50-503 is amended to read as follows:
34 6-50-503. Establishment of ~~program~~ programs.

35 (a) The Department of Career Education is hereby authorized and
36 directed to develop and implement ~~a youth apprenticeship/work-based work-~~ work-



1 ~~based~~ learning ~~program~~ programs to provide additional educational and
 2 training opportunities for ~~noncollege-bound~~ Arkansas high school students.

3 (b) The ~~program should~~ programs established under this section shall
 4 be based on the following fundamental principles:

5 (1) ~~Providing Strong~~ strong employer commitment and involvement;

6 (2) ~~Taking young people at the end of the tenth grade~~ Guiding
 7 high-school students through a three-year ~~to~~ or four-year process ~~connecting~~
 8 that connects high school and the first one (1) or two (2) years of
 9 postsecondary learning;

10 (3) Providing high-quality supervised learning opportunities for
 11 students at the work site;

12 (4) Integrating academic and vocational teaching and learning in
 13 the classroom and at work;

14 (5) Fostering interactive, team-based learning in the classroom;

15 (6) Including curriculum on all aspects of the industry;

16 (7) Using competency-based measures for evaluating student
 17 progress;

18 (8) Providing both academic and occupational credentials;

19 (9) Providing access and support to nontraditional groups; and

20 (10) Explicitly addressing issues ~~presented by~~ regarding
 21 diversity in society and the workplace.

22 (c)(1) The industries and occupations selected for ~~this program must~~
 23 the programs established under this section shall offer entry-level jobs with
 24 good opportunities for career advancement into high-skill, high-wage jobs.

25 (2) The department, the State Apprenticeship Coordination
 26 Steering Committee, and local sites ~~will~~ shall take joint responsibility for
 27 identifying ~~these~~ the industries and occupations selected in subdivision
 28 (c)(1) of this section.

29 (3) The State Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee
 30 ~~will take responsibility~~ is responsible for identifying traditional
 31 apprenticeship programs that are currently in place.

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 33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-50-504(d), concerning demonstration youth
 34 apprenticeship programs, is amended to read as follows:

35 (d) The ~~State Board of Career Education~~ Career Education and Workforce
 36 Development Board shall be the sole state agency to award funding for the

1 ~~demonstration youth apprenticeship~~ work-based learning programs established
2 ~~and authorized by~~ under this subchapter.

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4 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-52-207 is amended to read as follows:
5 6-52-207. Training programs generally.

6 (a) ~~Pursuant to the provisions of~~ Under this subchapter, the Director
7 of the Department of Career Education shall allocate state funds for the
8 support of apprenticeship training programs that meet the criteria ~~set forth~~
9 stated in this subchapter.

10 (b) A An apprentice training program ~~must~~ may be co-sponsored by a
11 public school district, an education service cooperative, a state
12 postsecondary institution, a vo-tech school, or a two-year community college
13 pursuant to a contract between the district or institution and an
14 apprenticeship program sponsor.

15 (c) A An apprentice training program ~~must~~ shall be under the direction
16 of an apprenticeship coordinator appointed by ~~the~~ an apprenticeship program
17 sponsor who shall perform the duties ~~set forth~~ stated in § 6-52-208.

18 (d)(1) Each apprentice participating in ~~a~~ an apprentice training
19 program ~~must~~ shall be given a written apprenticeship agreement by ~~the~~ an
20 apprenticeship program sponsor stating the standards and conditions of his or
21 her employment and training.

22 (2) The apprenticeship agreements are furnished by the United
23 States Office of Apprenticeship ~~of the United States Department of Labor~~.

24 (e)(1) An apprentice ~~may~~ shall not be charged tuition or fees by a
25 public school district or state postsecondary institution.

26 (2)(A) ~~However, other than~~ However, other than an administrative fee may be charged
27 to cover the costs of processing ~~his or her~~ the records of an apprentice.

28 (B) The fee allowed under subdivision (e)(2)(A) of this
29 section ~~which~~ shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each course
30 in which the apprentice is enrolled.

31 ~~(2)(3)~~ (3) The apprentice or ~~the~~ an apprenticeship program sponsor
32 may be required to furnish books and special equipment.

33 (f)(1) Funding for ~~a~~ an apprentice training program, in addition to
34 any other money available, shall be ~~provided by the apprenticeship program~~
35 ~~sponsor pursuant to~~ based on the:

36 (A) Allocation of funds to an apprenticeship program

1 sponsor by the Department of Career Education, as referred to in subsection
 2 (a) of this section; or

3 (B) ~~terms~~ Terms of the a contract between an
 4 apprenticeship program sponsor and a co-sponsor, as referred to in subsection
 5 (b) of this section.

6 (2) ~~The~~ An apprenticeship program sponsor may charge an
 7 apprentice or the employer of the apprentice tuition and fees to cover
 8 administrative costs incurred while the apprentice is registered with the
 9 apprenticeship program sponsor.

10 ~~Pursuant to the~~ The terms of the contract referred to in
 11 subsection (b) of this section, shall require without limitation the
 12 following in order to effectively administer the apprenticeship training
 13 program in a manner consistent with the public's need for skilled workers and
 14 the apprentice's need for marketable skills in apprenticeable occupations
 15 ~~must be provided:~~

16 (1) ~~adequate~~ Adequate facilities;

17 (2) ~~personnel~~ Personnel; and

18 (3) ~~resources~~ Resources.

19 (h) ~~A~~ An apprenticeship training program ~~must~~ shall be registered with
 20 the United States Office of Apprenticeship and the Department of Career
 21 Education.

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 23 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 17-26-418(a)(2), concerning the approval of
 24 cosmetology schools in public educational institutions, is amended to read as
 25 follows:

26 (2)(A) However, the responsibility for approval of
 27 cosmetological schools in public educational institutions shall be the sole
 28 responsibility of the ~~Career Education and Workforce Development Board~~
 29 Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

30 (B) In approving a cosmetological school in a public
 31 educational institution, the ~~Career Education and Workforce Development Board~~
 32 Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall use the same application
 33 process and requirements as the State Board of Health uses for approval of
 34 all other cosmetological schools.

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 36 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 25-30-101(b)(2)(F), concerning the

1 nonvoting membership of the Career Education and Workforce Development Board,
2 is amended to read as follows:

3 (F) One (1) member to represent the ~~Arkansas Association~~
4 ~~of Public Universities~~ four-year state supported institutions of higher
5 education; and

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