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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1280

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 6 OF
THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 6
OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING
EDUCATION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-429(d)(1), concerning teacher
licensure requirements under the Right to Read Act, is amended to conform to
Code style to read as follows:

(d)(1) By the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year:

(A)(i) All teachers employed in a classroom teaching
position that requires a license to teach elementary students in ~~grades~~
kindergarten through grade six (K-6) or a license to teach special education
for students in ~~grades~~ kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) shall
demonstrate proficiency in knowledge and practices of scientific reading
instruction.

(ii) A teacher described in subdivision (d)(1)(A)(i)
of this section who has not demonstrated proficiency by the 2023-2024 school
year may be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate proficiency by being
placed in an intensive support status under § 6-17-2807 for a period of time
specified by the teacher's evaluator in the professional growth plan for the



1 teacher; and

2 (B) All other teachers shall demonstrate awareness in
3 knowledge and practices of scientific reading instruction.

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5 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-204(b)(5)(B), concerning the legality
6 of a student attending school in another district, is amended to change the
7 name of an officer as a result of the reorganization of the executive branch
8 in 2019 to read as follows:

9 (B) The amount of tuition shall be agreed upon by both
10 districts before enrollment in the receiving district, except that if an
11 agreement cannot be reached by the opening date of the receiving school, an
12 appeal shall be made to the Assistant ~~Director for Public School Finance and~~
13 ~~Administrative Support~~ Commissioner of Fiscal and Administrative Services of
14 the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education within thirty (30) days
15 from the opening date of school, and his or her decision shall be final.

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17 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-54-103(a), concerning the restrictions
18 and privileges afforded to Arkansas State University Three Rivers, is amended
19 to add an internal reference to read as follows:

20 (a) Arkansas State University Three Rivers established under this
21 chapter shall be subject to the same restrictions and enjoy the same
22 privileges as any other technical college created under the chapter
23 establishing the Arkansas Technical and Community College System, § 6-53-201
24 et seq.

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26 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-61-1703(c)(2)(E), concerning the data
27 used to compile information provided under the Higher Education Consumer
28 Guide, is amended to change the official name of the system to read as
29 follows:

30 (E) The Arkansas ~~State~~ Statewide Longitudinal Data System
31 and interstate compacts for the sharing of employment data when reasonably
32 available upon the establishment of the Arkansas ~~State~~ Statewide Longitudinal
33 Data System.

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35 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-82-1206(a) is amended to change the
36 official names of the school and certain officers to read as follows:

(a) ~~The Department of Criminal Justice~~ School of Criminal Justice and Criminology at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock is designated as the state lead agency responsible for implementing any federal scholarships or training programs that fall under the umbrella of the Police Corps Act, Title XX, Subtitle A of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, 34 U.S.C. § 12551 et seq.

(b) ~~The department~~ School of Criminal Justice and Criminology may promulgate rules necessary for the administration and operation of any such programs in the State of Arkansas, including the creation of the Police Corps Advisory Group, which shall:

(1) Serve as the body to review policies imposed by the United States Government and the rules developed by the ~~department~~ School of Criminal Justice and Criminology for the Arkansas Police Corps Program;

(2) Serve as the selection committee for program participants;

(3) Serve as the body to establish eligibility requirements for the program, within the parameters set by the United States Government;

(4) Serve as the body to establish the participant removal procedures for the program;

(5) Serve as the appeals committee for the program, should a training participant be removed for any reason; and

(6) Perform all other duties as needed.

(c) ~~The chair of the department~~ Director of the School of Criminal Justice and Criminology, who serves as the Director of the Arkansas Police Corps Program, or the ~~director's~~ designee of the Director of the Arkansas Police Corps Program, shall serve as an ex officio member and as chair of the advisory group.

(d) Neither the ~~director~~ Director of the Arkansas Police Corps Program nor the ~~director's~~ designee of the Director of the Arkansas Police Corps Program shall sit on any appeals panel in cases involving removal of participants from the program.

(e) The advisory group shall meet at the call of the chair.

SECTION 6. DO NOT CODIFY. CONSTRUCTION AND LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

(1) The enactment and adoption of this act shall not expressly or impliedly repeal an act passed during the regular session of the Ninety-

1 Fourth General Assembly;

2 (2) To the extent that a conflict exists between an act of the
3 regular session of the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly and this act:

4 (A) The act of the regular session of the Ninety-Fourth
5 General Assembly shall be treated as a subsequent act passed by the General
6 Assembly for the purposes of:

7 (i) Giving the act of the regular session of the
8 Ninety-Fourth General Assembly its full force and effect; and

9 (ii) Amending or repealing the appropriate parts of
10 the Arkansas Code of 1987; and

11 (B) Section 1-2-107 shall not apply; and

12 (3) This act shall make only technical, not substantive, changes
13 to the Arkansas Code of 1987.