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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1329

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6 By: Senators J. English, J. Dotson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING ACADEMIC STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY
10 THE DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION;
11 TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
12 EDUCATION TO INCLUDE IN THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS A
13 MEANS BY WHICH PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS MAY SUBSTITUTE
14 COMPARABLE ELECTIVE COURSEWORK IN CAREER AND
15 TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR REQUIRED CORE ACADEMIC
16 CLASSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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20 TO CREATE A MEANS BY WHICH PUBLIC SCHOOL
21 STUDENTS MAY SUBSTITUTE COMPARABLE
22 ELECTIVE COURSEWORK IN CAREER AND
23 TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR REQUIRED CORE
24 ACADEMIC CLASSES.

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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2906, concerning the establishment of
30 academic standards by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, is
31 amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

32 (d)(1) The division shall include in the academic standards a means by
33 which a public school student may substitute comparable elective coursework
34 pertaining to career and technical education for core academic classes that
35 are required for graduation under the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas
36 Public Schools and School Districts.



1 (2)(A) When establishing the means required under subdivision
2 (d)(1) of this section, the division shall create an approval process whereby
3 comparable elective coursework pertaining to career and technical education
4 may be substituted for core academic classes.

5 (B)(i) For purposes of creating the approval process for
6 substituting required core academic classes with comparable elective
7 coursework pertaining to career and technical education as required under
8 subdivision (d)(2)(A) of this section, there is established the Career and
9 Technical Education with Embedded Academics Certification Committee.

10 (ii) The committee established under subdivision
11 (d)(2)(B)(i) of this section shall:

12 (a) Consult with the division in order to
13 establish the approval process required by subdivision (d)(2)(A) of this
14 section;

15 (b) Include one (1) member from each of the
16 education service cooperatives, who shall be appointed by the director of
17 each education service cooperative;

18 (c) Review academic standards and analyze the
19 comparable career and technical education standards for embedded academic
20 content that are or will be offered in the upcoming school year;

21 (d)(1) Produce a crosswalk document that shows
22 the alignment of relevant core academic standards to the career and technical
23 education standards.

24 (2) Each alignment described by
25 subdivision (d)(2)(B)(ii)(d)(1) of this section shall offer the rationale as
26 to why a lesson concerning academic content may be substituted.

27 (3)(A) The crosswalk document required
28 under subdivision (d)(2)(B)(ii)(d)(1) of this section shall be provided to
29 the division by December 15 of each year.

30 (B) The division shall certify the
31 alignments proposed in the crosswalk document required under subdivision
32 (d)(2)(B)(ii)(d)(1) of this section as eligible to be substitute comparable
33 elective coursework under this section each year by February 1.

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36 */s/R. Scott Richardson*