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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS QUALITY CHARTER SCHOOLS
9 ACT OF 2013; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ADULT
10 EDUCATION CHARTER SCHOOLS; TO AMEND THE SOURCES OF
11 FUNDING AVAILABLE TO ADULT EDUCATION CHARTER SCHOOLS;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ADULT
16 EDUCATION CHARTER SCHOOLS; AND TO AMEND
17 THE SOURCES OF FUNDING AVAILABLE TO ADULT
18 EDUCATION CHARTER SCHOOLS.
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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 § 6-23-1005 is amended to read as follows:
25 6-23-1005. Funding.

26 (a) ~~Funding for an An~~ adult education charter school shall ~~not be~~
27 ~~provided through the Public School Fund~~ receive:

28 (1) Funds available to a public school district under § 6-20-
29 2305(a) and (b); and

30 (2) Any other funding that an adult education charter school is
31 entitled to receive under law or rules.

32 (b)(1)(A) For the first year of operation and in the first year in
33 which a new campus is added to an adult education charter school, the
34 foundation funding amount and funding amounts for additional education
35 categories for an adult education charter school shall be determined as
36 follows:



1 (i) The initial funding estimate shall be based on
2 enrollment as of July 1 of the current school year;

3 (ii) In December, funding shall be adjusted based
4 upon the first quarter average daily membership; and

5 (iii) A final adjustment shall be made after the
6 current three-quarter average daily membership is established.

7 (B) For the second year and each school year thereafter,
8 the previous year average daily membership of an adult education charter
9 school shall be used for purposes of calculating the following for the adult
10 education charter school:

11 (i) The foundation funding amount; and

12 (ii) The funding amounts for additional education
13 categories provided under § 6-20-2305(b).

14 (2) Professional development funding under § 6-20-2305(b)(5)
15 shall be provided to an adult education charter school as follows:

16 (A) For the first year of operation and in the first year
17 in which a new campus is added to an adult education charter school, an adult
18 education charter school shall receive professional development funding based
19 on the initial projected enrollment student count as of July 1 of the current
20 school year multiplied by the per-student professional development funding
21 amount under § 6-20-2305(b)(5) for that school year; and

22 (B) For the second year and each school year thereafter,
23 professional development funding shall be based on the previous year average
24 daily membership of an adult education charter school multiplied by the per-
25 student professional development funding amount under § 6-20-2305(b)(5) for
26 that school year.

27 (3) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall
28 distribute funding for additional education categories under § 6-20-2305(a)
29 and (b) for which an adult education charter school is eligible as provided
30 under state law and rules.

31 (4) An adult education charter school shall not be denied
32 foundation funding or funding for additional education categories in the
33 first year or any year of operation if the adult education charter school
34 submits to the Department of Education the number of students eligible for
35 funding as specified in applicable state board rules.

36 (c) Foundation funding available to an adult education charter school

1 under this section shall be paid in twelve (12) installments each fiscal
2 year.

3 ~~(b)~~(d) Funding for an adult education charter school may come from
4 public or private sources, including ~~from the eligible entity that operates~~
5 ~~an adult education charter school~~ without limitation the following:

6 (1) Funding from the eligible entity that operates the adult
7 education charter school;

8 (2) State and federal aids, grants, and revenue as may be
9 provided by state and federal law; and

10 (3) Gifts and grants from private sources in any manner that is
11 available to public school districts.

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