

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 961

By: Senator E. Cheatham

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS STANDARDS FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS STANDARDS FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-5-1002(b), concerning career and technical education program of study, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) ~~All public school students shall be provided a~~ A rigorous career and technical education program of study that links secondary education and postsecondary education and combines academic and technical education in a structured sequence of courses that progresses from broad foundation skills to occupationally specific courses shall be made available.

(2) ~~A student may earn postsecondary~~ Post-secondary credits for career and technical education program of study courses that lead to a postsecondary credential, certificate, or degree may be awarded.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-5-1003(b)(3), concerning college and career readiness program standards, is amended to read as follows:

(3) ~~Sustained, intensive, and focused professional~~ Professional development opportunities for administrators, and teachers, ~~and faculty~~ who



foster career and technical education programs of study, including design, implementation, and maintenance;

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-5-1003(b)(6)(B), concerning college and career readiness program standards, is amended to read as follows:

(B) The Department of Career Education, in collaboration with the Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education, shall ~~work with the Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education~~ to establish a common course numbering system that incorporates career and technical education program of study courses at both the secondary and postsecondary level;

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-5-1003(b)(8)(A), concerning college and career readiness program standards, is amended to read as follows:

(8) Comprehensive guidance counseling and academic advisory systems developed by the Department of Career Education in collaboration with the Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education that:

(A) Enable students to make informed decisions about which program of study to pursue;

/s/E. Cheatham

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