

## INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2017-130

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**A Bill**

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HOUSE BILL

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6 By: Representative Hammer

7 Filed with: House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs  
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

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10 AN ACT TO REVISE THE METHOD OF FUNDING SECONDARY  
11 VOCATIONAL AREA CENTERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

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15 TO REVISE THE METHOD OF FUNDING SECONDARY  
16 VOCATIONAL AREA CENTERS.

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

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21 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative intent.

22 It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

23 (1) Funding for secondary vocational area centers should reflect  
24 a number of fast-changing factors, such as regional and statewide workforce  
25 priorities, as well as demand on an industry-by-industry basis;

26 (2) The definition of "full time equivalent students" and the  
27 funding level tied to the number of full time equivalent students be aligned  
28 with a regulatory system that allows the Department of Career Education to  
29 monitor and adjust these terms in response to the changing business  
30 environment;

31 (3) The current funding structure of three thousand two hundred  
32 fifty dollars (\$3,250) per full time equivalent student be discontinued in  
33 favor of establishing a tiered funding structure based on a training fee  
34 determined by the Department of Career Education and approved by the Career  
35 Education and Workforce Development Board; and

1           (4) A tiered funding structure based on a training fee  
2 determined by the Department of Career Education and approved by the Career  
3 Education and Workforce Development Board take into account the different  
4 funding needs and costs of individual programs of study or the workforce  
5 needs of the State of Arkansas.

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7           SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(2)(B), concerning public  
8 school funding, is amended to read as follows:

9                   (B)(i)(a) Beginning with the ~~2007-2008~~ 2020-2021 school  
10 year, secondary vocational area center funding shall be ~~three thousand two~~  
11 ~~hundred fifty dollars (\$3,250) multiplied by the number of students enrolled~~  
12 ~~in a secondary vocational area center during the previous school year a~~  
13 training fee for each full-time equivalent student, as defined by the  
14 Department of Career Education.

15                                   (b) The training fee under subdivision  
16 (b)(2)(B)(i)(a) of this section shall be determined by the Department of  
17 Career Education and approved by the Career Education and Workforce  
18 Development Board.

19                                   (ii) ~~Funding for students in secondary vocational~~  
20 ~~area centers shall be distributed based on rules promulgated by the Career~~  
21 ~~Education and Workforce Development Board~~ The Department of Career Education  
22 shall promulgate rules for:

23   (a) A tiered system of determining the amount  
24 of the training fee under subdivision (b)(2)(B)(i) of this section for each  
25 secondary vocational area center; and

26   (b) The method of distribution of the training  
27 fees under subdivision (b)(2)(B)(i) of this section.

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30 Referred by Representative Hammer

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