

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2513

5 By: Representatives J. Johnson, Cleveland
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REDUCE THE ACADEMIC DISPARITIES IN THE
10 ARKANSAS DELTA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

12 AN ACT TO REDUCE THE ACADEMIC
13 DISPARITIES IN THE ARKANSAS DELTA.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. (a) The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff may
20 establish a Delta Student Academic Success Plan to reduce the disparities in
21 the academic performance of youth in the Arkansas delta.

22 (b) The plan shall consist of the following components:

23 (1) A coalition effort between the University of Arkansas at Pine
24 Bluff and various school districts in Arkansas, Chicot, Drew, Jefferson, and
25 Lincoln counties;

26 (2) A plan to establish a standards based curricula to be used
27 in the various school districts in mathematics, reading, and English using
28 instructional strategies based on students' assessed mastery level and
29 learning styles;

30 (3) Faculty development in:

31 (A) Standards based mathematic, reading, and English;

32 (B) Use of student assessment data in instructional
33 design; and

34 (C) Instructional design based on assessed mastery and
35 learning styles;

36 (4) Development of an Arkansas Teacher Corp to increase the



1 number of new and certified teachers;

2 (5) Development of an after school academic program to reinforce
3 knowledge and skills taught during the regular class day and to help develop
4 knowledge and skills in wellness, art, hobbies, personal growth, and decision
5 making, career awareness and requirements; and

6 (6) Development of a comprehensive evaluation program in which
7 key assessment measures shall include the number of participants, mastery of
8 English, mathematics, and reading as measured by the state benchmark
9 examinations, SAT-9, and National Assessment of Educational Progress
10 measures, and admission to and graduation from an accredited college or
11 technical institution.

12 (c) The Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff may
13 enter into an agreement with the superintendents of the school districts of
14 Arkansas, Chicot, Drew, Jefferson, and Lincoln counties to implement the
15 Delta Student Academic Success plan, to the extent the plan does not conflict
16 with Arkansas law or with the standards set forth by the Department of
17 Education.

18 (d) If a plan is established, the Chancellor of the University of
19 Arkansas at Pine Bluff shall make a yearly report of the progress of the plan
20 to the superintendents of the school districts in Arkansas, Chicot, Drew,
21 Jefferson, and Lincoln counties, the Department of Education, and the
22 Legislative Council.

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24 /s/ J. Johnson, et al
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