

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

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SENATE BILL 1114

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS TECH CENTER FOR
EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS TECH CENTER FOR
EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 1, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 6 – Arkansas Tech Center for Executive Leadership

6-1-601. Creation – Purpose.

(a) There is created the Arkansas Tech Center for Executive Leadership that shall be administered through the Center for Leadership and Learning at Arkansas Tech University in collaboration with the Department of Education.

(b) The purpose of the Arkansas Tech Center for Executive Leadership is to provide:

(1) Support and support services to executive school leaders who have been in a leadership positions for at least one (1) year;

(2) Mentoring opportunities for executive school leaders, called Leader-to-Leader mentoring opportunities that shall be instructive, experiential, and practical in their application; and

(3) Advanced leadership development programs for executive school leaders that require a commitment of one (1) year and provide an



opportunity to build upon what has made the executive school leaders successful by:

(A) Building professional relationships with other school district-level and building-level executive leaders;

(B) Performing self-assessment exercises;

(C) Learning self-renewal techniques; and

(D) Challenging their leadership practices.

6-1-602. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Executive school leader" means a person holding an Arkansas administrator license or the equivalent who is serving in a leadership role as a school district-level or building-level executive leader in a public school, including a public charter school; and

(2) "Leader-to-Leader" means a program with mentoring opportunities designed to build the capacity of executive school leaders through a one (1) year experience of meeting and working with other executive school leaders on a regular basis to improve school districts and public schools from the board room to the classroom.

6-1-603. Board of directors.

(a)(1) The Board of Directors for the Arkansas Tech Center for Executive Leadership shall consist of eleven (11) members with three (3) nonvoting members and eight (8) voting members .

(2) The three (3) nonvoting members shall be:

(A) The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;

(B) The Director of the Center for Leadership and Learning at Arkansas Tech University; and

(C) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Tech Center for Executive Leadership.

(3) The eight (8) voting members shall be:

(A) Four (4) school-district level executive school leaders who are graduates of the Leader-to-Leader program representing each congressional district;

(B) Two (2) building-level executive school leaders who

are graduates of the Leader-to-Leader program;

(C) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators; and

(D) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Public School Resource Center.

(b)(1) The current board members of the Arkansas Tech Center for Executive Leadership shall continue to serve until the appointed membership under subdivision (a)(3)(A) and (B) of this section are appointed.

(2) The current board members of the Arkansas Center for Executive Leadership may be appointed to the newly created board under this section.

(c)(1) Board members shall serve on a voluntary basis.

(2) Board members may be reimbursed for expenses under § 25-16-902 paid by the Department of Education if funds are available.

(d)(1) Each member shall serve a term of three (3) years.

(2) The initial members appointed under subdivision (a)(3)(A) and (B) of this section shall draw lots to determine the length of the initial terms with:

(A) Two (2) appointees serving one (1) year;

(B) Two (2) appointees serving two (2) years; and

(C) Two (2) appointees serving three (3) years.

(e)(1) The voting membership of the board shall annually elect one (1) of the voting members to serve as the chair.

(2) The chair shall serve as a nonvoting member during his or her tenure as chair.

(f)(1) A majority of the total membership of the board shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

(2) All board action is by majority vote of the quorum.

(g) The board shall meet a minimum of three (3) times per year or more often as determined by the chair.

6-1-604. Powers and duties.

The Board of Directors of the Arkansas Tech Center for Executive Leadership shall:

(1) Provide oversight to the programs for executive school leaders;

(2) Select participants for the Leader-to-Leader programs based on a nomination and screening process established by the board;

(3) Monitor the Leader-to-Leader programs to ensure they reflect the current needs of executive school leaders and to aid in the improvement of school districts and public schools, including public charter schools; and

(4) Conduct an annual evaluation of the Arkansas Tech Center for Executive Leadership and provide a copy of the evaluation to the State Board of Education and the Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University no later than September 30 each year.

/s/J. Key