

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

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SENATE BILL 509

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT TRAINING
AND INCENTIVE PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ESTABLISH THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT
TRAINING AND INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 5, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 11 - Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program

6-5-1101. Established.

There is established the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program.

6-5-1102. Purpose of the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program - Grant funding.

(a) The purpose of the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program is to:

(1) Prepare more students for:

(A) Success in higher education;



(B) Postsecondary training; and
(C) Careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics;

(2) Increase the number of students who graduate from institutions of higher education; and

(3) Support and enhance Advanced Placement initiatives already operating in the state.

(b)(1) The Department of Education shall provide grant funding to organizations that implement measures to achieve the goals of the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program.

(2) An organization that receives grant funding to implement the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program under this subchapter shall:

(A) Be affiliated with the National Math and Science Initiative; and

(B) Have demonstrated success with an Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program.

(3) An organization that receives grant funding to provide the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program may:

(A) Develop public-private partnerships to advance math and science learning opportunities;

(B) Generate revenue from public or private sector entities to support other opportunities; or

(C) Accept grants, donations, gifts, or bequests.

(c) Grant funding provided by the department to an organization under this subchapter shall be used to:

(1) Support and enhance the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program;

(2) Pay for personal services and operating expenses required to carry out the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program; and

(3) Pay for technology, materials, and other resources used in the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program.

6-5-1103. Components and goals of the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program.

(a) The Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program shall:

(1) Provide advanced placement content directors to work, mentor, and provide resources to advanced placement and pre-advanced placement teachers in the areas of:

(A) Mathematics;

(B) Science; and

(C) English;

(2) Provide nationally recognized professional development for advanced placement and pre-advanced placement teachers that will enhance the knowledge and pedagogical skills of the teachers; and

(3) Develop and provide materials and resources for advanced placement and pre-advanced placement teachers.

(b) The overall goal of the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program is to:

(1) Increase the number of students enrolled in Advanced Placement mathematics, science, and English;

(2) Increase the number of students who score three (3) or more on Advanced Placement Exams;

(3) Reduce the participation gaps and performance gaps in Advanced Placement classes between African-American, Hispanic, and Caucasian students;

(4) Help public high schools develop strong and successful Advanced Placement programs;

(5) Enhance and augment Advanced Placement policies and initiatives in Arkansas;

(6) Provide Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Programs in every public high school that elects to participate and strengthen its Advanced Placement program; and

(7) Increase the number of students prepared to enter science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields in higher education or related training and occupations.

6-5-1104. Participation in the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program.

(a) A public high school is eligible to participate in the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program.

(b)(1) A public high school that chooses to participate in the

Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program shall pay a participation and service fee determined by the organization.

(2) A public high school may choose either to fully participate in the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program or to participate on a limited basis, in which case the public high school shall pay a fee for each service the public high school elects to use.

(c) An organization that receives grant funding to provide the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program shall publish a list of program fees on or before June 1 each year.

/s/Elliott