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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1895

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE COLLEGE AND CAREER COACHES
PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE COLLEGE AND CAREER COACHES
PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-1-602 is amended to read as follows:

6-1-602. Creation – Program participation.

(a)(1) The College and Career Coaches Program is established to assist students in preparing for postsecondary education or careers.

(2) Coaches shall be accessible to students who attend middle schools and high schools ~~located in Tier 3 and Tier 4 counties.~~

~~(b)(1) School districts located in Tier 3 and Tier 4 counties shall receive priority to participate in the College and Career Coaches Program.~~

~~(2) School districts located outside of Tier 3 and Tier 4 counties who do not have access to a College and Career Coaches Program may apply jointly with an institution of higher education, an education service cooperative, or a nonprofit organization to the Department of Career Education for participation in the College and Career Coaches Program.~~

~~(e)~~ A school district participating in the College and Career Coaches Program is eligible for administrative support and supplemental grants if funding is available.

~~(d)~~(c) A school district may use national school lunch state



categorical funds to support the school district's participation in the College and Career Coaches Program.

~~(e)~~(d) Participation in the College and Career Coaches Program is contingent on the availability of funding.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-1-603(b)(1), concerning program administration, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The Department of Career Education, the division manager for Arkansas Works, an administrative analyst, and at least two (2) ~~managers~~ program advisors shall manage the College and Career Coaches Program and:

(1) Provide guidelines and procedures for implementing the College and Career Coaches Program;

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-1-604(a)(2), concerning college and career coaches, is amended to read as follows:

(2) ~~Complete~~ Hold a career development facilitator certification or be eligible to complete the required career development facilitator training within one (1) year of hiring.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-1-604(b)(1), concerning college and career coaches, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The college and career coaches shall be stationed at an institution of higher education, an education service cooperative, or a nonprofit organization and shall provide services and support to students in middle schools and high schools ~~in Tier 3 and Tier 4 counties~~, including without limitation:

(1) Assisting the career orientation instructor with the development of college and career plans for students, beginning in grade seven (7);

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-1-605(a)(2)(A), concerning program effectiveness and measurement, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) The Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education shall collect and ~~report~~ prepare performance data reports to determine the effectiveness of the program.