

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1610

By: Representative Tucker

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE PROGRAMS
LOCATED WITHIN A SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDING EQUAL TO THE
FOUNDATION FUNDING AMOUNT FOR EACH EARLY GRADUATE OF
THE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROVIDE ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE
PROGRAMS LOCATED WITHIN A SCHOOL DISTRICT
FUNDING EQUAL TO THE FOUNDATION FUNDING
AMOUNT FOR EACH EARLY GRADUATE OF THE
PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-45-106, concerning the Arkansas Better Chance Program, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(d)(1) As used in this section, "early graduate" means a student who graduated from high school before the beginning of grade twelve (12).

(2) Annually by July 1, each school district shall report to the Department of Education the number of early graduates in the public school district during the previous academic year.

(3) For each early graduate from a public school district, the Department of Education shall distribute to an Arkansas Better Chance early childhood program located within the geographic area of the public school district an amount equal to the foundation funding amount under § 6-20-2305(a) for the early graduate for each grade in which the early graduate



would have been enrolled had the early graduate been enrolled in the public school district through grade twelve (12).

(4) The Department of Education shall promulgate rules that establish the criteria for distributing the funding under subdivision (d)(3) of this section.