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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1558

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING ADULT EDUCATION PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ADULT EDUCATION PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ENSURE THAT MORE THAN ONE (1) ADULT EDUCATION PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL MAY OPERATE IN THIS STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ADULT EDUCATION PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ENSURE THAT MORE THAN ONE (1) ADULT EDUCATION PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL MAY OPERATE IN THIS STATE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-23-1001(b)(2), concerning a nonprofit entity's application for an adult education charter school, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) Pledge to commit at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the adult education public charter school, if approved.

(B) Up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the commitment may be in-kind~~+~~.

(C) A nonprofit entity that is opening an additional adult education public charter school under this section is not required to commit one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the additional adult education public charter school if it has already pledged to commit at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to an adult education public charter school under



subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-23-1002 is amended to read as follows:
6-23-1002. Authorization for adult education public charter.

The authorizer shall review ~~the~~ an application for an adult education public charter school ~~pilot program~~ and may approve an application that:

- (1) Provides an acceptable plan for meeting the industry needs for a sufficiently trained workforce in the state;
- (2) Includes a set of performance criteria objectives for the terms of the charter and the means for measuring the performance criteria objectives on a yearly basis;
- (3) Includes a comprehensive strategy for engaging the community, including without limitation business leaders, in the process of meeting the goals and objectives of the adult education public charter;
- (4) Includes an agreement to provide an annual report to the community that indicates the progress made by the adult education public charter school in meeting the performance criteria objectives during the previous year; and
- (5) Includes an appropriate budget and governance plan.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-23-1003 is amended to read as follows:
6-23-1003. Resubmission of applications.

(a) The authorizer may allow an applicant to resubmit ~~the~~ an application for an adult education public charter school if the original application was, in the opinion of the authorizer, deficient in one (1) or more respects.

(b) The Department of Education may provide technical assistance to ~~the~~ an adult education public charter school applicant in the creation or modification of its application.