

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

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING LAWS REGARDING APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING PROGRAMS, SCHOOL APPROVAL, AND MEMBERSHIP ON BOARDS WITH RESPECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EDUCATION; TO AMEND THE NAME OF THE YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP/WORK-BASED LEARNING PROGRAM; TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS HAVE A CO-SPONSOR; TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD TO APPROVE COSMETOLOGICAL SCHOOLS IN PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS; TO REQUIRE A MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS THE FOUR-YEAR STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION SIT ON THE CAREER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND CERTAIN LAWS REGARDING APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING PROGRAMS, SCHOOL APPROVAL, AND MEMBERSHIP ON BOARDS WITH RESPECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EDUCATION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-50-503 is amended to read as follows:
6-50-503. Establishment of ~~program~~ programs.

(a) The Department of Career Education is hereby authorized and directed to develop and implement ~~a youth apprenticeship/work-based work-~~ work-



based learning program programs to provide additional educational and training opportunities for ~~noncollege-bound~~ Arkansas high school students.

(b) ~~The program should~~ programs established under this section shall be based on the following fundamental principles:

- (1) ~~Providing Strong~~ strong employer commitment and involvement;
- (2) ~~Taking young people at the end of the tenth grade~~ Guiding high-school students through a three-year ~~to~~ or four-year process ~~connecting that connects~~ high school and the first one (1) or two (2) years of postsecondary learning;
- (3) Providing high-quality supervised learning opportunities for students at the work site;
- (4) Integrating academic and vocational teaching and learning in the classroom and at work;
- (5) Fostering interactive, team-based learning in the classroom;
- (6) Including curriculum on all aspects of the industry;
- (7) Using competency-based measures for evaluating student progress;
- (8) Providing both academic and occupational credentials;
- (9) Providing access and support to nontraditional groups; and
- (10) Explicitly addressing issues ~~presented by~~ regarding diversity in society and the workplace.

(c)(1) The industries and occupations selected for ~~this program must~~ the programs established under this section shall offer entry-level jobs with good opportunities for career advancement into high-skill, high-wage jobs.

(2) The department, the State Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee, and local sites ~~will~~ shall take joint responsibility for identifying ~~these~~ the industries and occupations selected in subdivision (c)(1) of this section.

(3) The State Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee ~~will take responsibility~~ is responsible for identifying traditional apprenticeship programs that are currently in place.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-50-504 is repealed.

~~6-50-504. Demonstration programs.~~

~~(a) The Department of Career Education shall implement during the 1991-1993 biennium at least five (5) demonstration youth apprenticeship~~

~~programs.~~

~~(b) In designing and implementing these programs, the department shall require the selected demonstration projects to make a five year commitment to the program's effective implementation and to match state funding with commitments from local participants, including employers and unions, high schools, technical institutes or vocational technical schools, community colleges, technical colleges, and other appropriate entities.~~

~~(c) State funding for the demonstration projects shall be from funds appropriated by the General Assembly to the department for that purpose.~~

~~(d) The State Board of Career Education shall be the sole state agency to award funding for the demonstration youth apprenticeship programs established and authorized by this subchapter.~~

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-52-207 is amended to read as follows:

6-52-207. Training programs generally.

(a) ~~Pursuant to the provisions of~~ Under this subchapter, the Director of the Department of Career Education shall allocate state funds for the support of apprenticeship training programs that meet the criteria ~~set forth~~ stated in this subchapter.

(b) A An apprenticeship training program ~~must~~ may be co-sponsored by a public school district, an education service cooperative, a state postsecondary institution, a vo-tech school, or a two-year community college pursuant to a contract between the district or institution and an apprenticeship program sponsor.

(c) A An apprenticeship training program ~~must~~ shall be under the direction of an apprenticeship coordinator appointed by ~~the~~ an apprenticeship program sponsor who shall perform the duties ~~set forth~~ stated in § 6-52-208.

(d)(1) Each apprentice participating in a an apprenticeship training program ~~must~~ shall be given a written apprenticeship agreement by ~~the~~ an apprenticeship program sponsor stating the standards and conditions of his or her employment and training.

(2) The apprenticeship agreements are furnished by the *Office of Apprenticeship of the United States Department of Labor*.

(e)(1) An apprentice ~~may~~ shall not be charged tuition or fees by a public school district or state postsecondary institution.

(2)(A) However, other than an administrative fee may be charged

to cover the costs of processing ~~his or her~~ the records of an apprentice.

(B) The fee allowed under subdivision (e)(2)(A) of this section ~~which~~ shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each course in which the apprentice is enrolled.

~~(2)(3)~~ (3) The apprentice or ~~the~~ an apprenticeship program sponsor may be required to furnish books and special equipment.

(f)(1) Funding for a an apprenticeship training program, in addition to any other money available, shall be ~~provided by the apprenticeship program sponsor pursuant to~~ based on the:

(A) Allocation of funds to an apprenticeship program sponsor by the Department of Career Education, as referred to in subsection (a) of this section; or

(B) terms Terms of the a contract between an apprenticeship program sponsor and a co-sponsor, as referred to in subsection (b) of this section.

(2) ~~The~~ An apprenticeship program sponsor may charge an apprentice or the employer of the apprentice tuition and fees to cover administrative costs incurred while the apprentice is registered with the apprenticeship program sponsor.

(g) ~~Pursuant to the~~ The terms of the contract referred to in subsection (b) of this section, shall require without limitation the following in order to effectively administer the apprenticeship training program in a manner consistent with the public's need for skilled workers and the apprentice's need for marketable skills in apprenticeable occupations ~~must be provided:~~

(1) adequate Adequate facilities;

(2) personnel Personnel; and

(3) resources Resources.

(h) A An apprenticeship training program ~~must~~ shall be registered with the Office of Apprenticeship of the United States Department of Labor and the Department of Career Education.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 17-26-418(a)(2), concerning the approval of cosmetology schools in public educational institutions, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) However, the responsibility for approval of

cosmetological schools in public educational institutions shall be the sole responsibility of the ~~Career Education and Workforce Development Board~~ Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(B) In approving a cosmetological school in a public educational institution, the ~~Career Education and Workforce Development Board~~ Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall use the same application process and requirements as the State Board of Health uses for approval of all other cosmetological schools.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 25-30-101(b)(2)(F), concerning the nonvoting membership of the Career Education and Workforce Development Board, is amended to read as follows:

(F) One (1) member to represent the ~~Arkansas Association of Public Universities~~ four-year state supported institutions of higher education; and

/s/J. English