

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 61

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS
CODE CONCERNING THE COLLEGE AND CAREER COACHES
PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE
ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING 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(c), concerning the creation of the College and Career Coaches Program and participation in the program, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A school district may use ~~national school lunch state categorical funds~~ enhanced student achievement funds to support the school district's participation in the ~~College and Career Coaches Program~~ program.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-1-602, concerning the creation of the College and Career Coaches Program and participation in the program, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e) To participate in the program, a school district shall apply jointly with an institution of higher education, an education service cooperative, or a nonprofit organization to the Division of Career and Technical Education.



SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-1-603(b)(3), concerning the administration of the College and Career Coaches Program, is amended to read as follows:

(3) Monitor implementation of the College and Career Coaches Program by on-site technical assistance visits at least one (1) time every ~~five (5)~~ two (2) years;

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-1-603(b)(5)(B), concerning the administration of the College and Career Coaches Program, is amended to read as follows:

~~(B) Prioritizing approval and supplemental grant funding to College and Career Coaches Programs in Tier 3 and Tier 4 counties that are operated in partnership between a school district, an institution of higher education, an education service cooperative, or a nonprofit organization~~
Verifying the partnership between a school district and an institution of higher education, an education service cooperative, or a nonprofit organization; and

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-1-604(a)(2), concerning the duties and supervision of college and career coaches, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 6-1-604(b), concerning the duties and supervision of college and career coaches, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

(14) Attending continuing education programs on facilitating career development; and

(15) Assisting a student with completing his or her student success plan, as described in § 6-15-291, by the end of grade eight (8).

SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 6-1-605(a), concerning the measurement of the effectiveness of the College and Career Coaches Program, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The effectiveness of the College and Career Coaches Program shall be evaluated based on measurable benefits to students, including ~~increases in:~~

- (A) ~~High~~ An increase in high school graduation rates;
- ~~(B) Completion of the Smart Core curriculum;~~
- ~~(C)(B) College~~ An increase in college attendance rates;
- ~~(D)(C) Remediation~~ A reduction in remediation rates; ~~and~~
- ~~(E)(D) Applications~~ An increase in the number of applications for financial aid;
- (E) An increase in enrollment in two-year, four-year, technical certificate programs, and military service;
- (F) An increase in the number of completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- (G) An increase in the number of scholarships awarded;
- (H) An increase in ACT scores;
- (I) An increase in the number of industry-recognized certifications earned; and
- (J) An increase in work-based learning experiences.

~~(2)(A) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Division of Higher Education~~ Division of Career and Technical Education shall collect and prepare performance data reports to determine the effectiveness of the ~~program~~ College and Career Coaches Program.

~~(B) The data shall be collected for each county and school district served by the program and shall be shared with the Division of Career and Technical Education on January 1 and August 1 each year.~~

/s/ Irvin