

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

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HOUSE BILL 1022

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REPEAL PERFORMANCE-BASED INCENTIVE AWARDS
FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER
SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REPEAL PERFORMANCE-BASED INCENTIVE
AWARDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND OPEN-
ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2107 is amended to read as follows:

6-15-2107. Arkansas School Recognition Program.

~~(a) The General Assembly finds that there is a need for an incentive program for outstanding schools. The General Assembly further finds that performance-based incentives are commonplace in the private sector and should be infused into the public sector as a reward for productivity.~~

~~(b)(a)~~ (a) The Arkansas School Recognition Program is created to provide financial awards to public schools and open-enrollment public charter schools that ~~experience high student performance and those~~ with high student academic growth, ~~which includes high school graduation rate comparisons for secondary schools.~~

~~(c)(1)(A)(b)(1)(A)~~ (b)(1)(A) If funds are available, a public school or open-enrollment public charter school shall receive ~~performance-based~~ funding of:

(i) One hundred dollars (\$100) per student who attends the public school or open-enrollment public charter school if+

~~(a) The public school or public charter school~~



~~is in the top five percent (5%) of all public schools in Arkansas in student performance under the criteria set forth by rule of the State Board of Education;~~

(b) ~~The~~ the public school or open-enrollment public charter school is in the top five percent (5%) of all public schools in Arkansas in student academic growth under the criteria set forth by rule of the ~~state board~~ State Board of Education; or

~~(c) The public school or public charter school meets the criteria established by the state board to be used in lieu of the criteria set forth in subdivisions (c)(1)(A)(i)(a) and (b) of this section to reward top performing public schools; or~~

(ii) Fifty dollars ~~(\$50)~~ (\$50.00) per student who attends the public school or open-enrollment public charter school if+

~~(a) The public school or public charter school is in the top ten percent (10%) but below the top five percent (5%) of all public schools in Arkansas in student performance under the criteria set forth by rule of the state board;~~

~~(b) The~~ the public school or open-enrollment public charter school is in the top ten percent (10%) but below the top five percent (5%) of all public schools and open-enrollment public charter schools in Arkansas in student academic growth under the criteria set forth by rule of the state board; ~~or~~

~~(c) The public school or public charter school meets the criteria established by the state board to be used in lieu of the criteria set forth in subdivisions (c)(1)(A)(ii)(a) and (b) of this section to reward high performing public schools that do not meet the eligibility criteria set forth in subdivision (c)(1)(A)(i) of this section.~~

(B) The ~~rewards~~ financial awards listed in subdivision ~~(c)(1)(A)(b)(1)(A)~~ of this section+

~~(i) Shall begin after the 2012-2013 state mandated assessments; and~~

~~(ii) Shall~~ shall be based upon the results of state-mandated assessments.

(2) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education may disburse available ~~performance-based~~ funding appropriated for this section by the General Assembly on a pro rata basis.

~~(d)(1)~~ All eligible schools shall receive performance based funding.
~~(2)(A)(c)(1)~~ Funds shall be distributed under this section to the public school's or open-enrollment public charter school's fiscal agent and placed in the public school's or open-enrollment public charter school's account and shall be used for purposes listed in subsection ~~(e)(d)~~ of this section as determined by a committee, which shall include:

~~(i)(A)~~ The principal;
~~(ii)(B)~~ A teacher elected by the faculty; and
~~(iii)(C)~~ A parent representative selected by the local parent-teacher association or some other local parental involvement group.

~~(B)(2)~~ The committee shall make its determination under subdivision (c)(1) of this section by December 15 of each applicable year.

~~(e)(d)~~ School recognition awards under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall be used for the following:

- (1) Nonrecurring bonuses to the faculty and staff;
- (2) Nonrecurring expenditures for educational equipment or materials to assist in maintaining and improving student performance; or
- (3) Temporary personnel for the public school or open-enrollment public charter school to assist in maintaining and improving student performance.

~~(f)(e)~~ School recognition awards under subdivision (c)(1) of this section are exempt from §§ ~~6-17-119 and~~ 6-20-412.

~~(g)(f)~~ The General Assembly shall appropriate and ~~fund~~ provide sufficient funds to implement this section.

/s/A. Collins