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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 451

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING CAREER EDUCATION  
9 AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF  
10 THE CAREER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD;  
11 TO AMEND THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF SKILLS  
12 DEVELOPMENT AND THE CAREER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE  
13 DEVELOPMENT BOARD; TO COORDINATE VARIOUS WORKFORCE  
14 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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18 TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING CAREER  
19 EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-30-101(b)(1)(A), concerning voting  
25 membership of the Career Education and Workforce Development Board, are  
26 amended to read as follows:

27 (1)(A) As voting members, from a list of recommendations by  
28 industry and business associations:

29 (i) One (1) member to represent the agriculture  
30 industry;

31 (ii) One (1) member to represent the construction  
32 industry;

33 (iii) One (1) member to represent the energy  
34 industry;

35 (iv) One (1) member to represent the healthcare  
36 industry;



1 (v) One (1) member to represent the information  
 2 technology industry;

3 (vi) One (1) member to represent the manufacturing  
 4 industry;

5 ~~(vii) One (1) member to represent the financial~~  
 6 ~~services industry;~~

7 ~~(viii) One (1) member to represent the hospitality~~  
 8 ~~industry;~~

9 ~~(ix)~~(vii) One (1) member to represent the  
 10 transportation-logistics industry;

11 ~~(x) One (1) member to represent the rehabilitation~~  
 12 ~~services industry; and~~

13 ~~(xi)~~(viii) At the discretion of the Governor, up to  
 14 three (3) members representing industries ~~not~~ represented in subdivisions  
 15 (b)(1)(A)(i)-~~(x)~~(vii) of this section.

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 17 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 25-30-101(c), concerning terms of industry  
 18 members of the Career Education and Workforce Development Board, is amended  
 19 to read as follows:

20 (c)~~(1)~~ The industry members shall serve ~~three-year terms, except that~~  
 21 ~~the initial appointees shall serve staggered terms determined by the Governor~~  
 22 ~~so that two (2) members serve a one-year term, three (3) members serve a two-~~  
 23 ~~year term, and two (2) members serve a three-year term~~ at the pleasure of the  
 24 Governor.

25 ~~(2) A voting member may not serve more than two (2) consecutive~~  
 26 ~~three-year terms.~~

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 28 SECTION 3. The introductory language of Arkansas Code § 25-30-102(a),  
 29 concerning the powers and duties of the Office of Skills Development and the  
 30 Career Education and Workforce Development Board, is amended to read as  
 31 follows:

32 (a) The Office of Skills Development and the Career Education and  
 33 Workforce Development Board, in coordination with the Division of Higher  
 34 Education, ~~the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board~~ the Chief  
 35 Workforce Officer, and the Department of Education, shall:

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 25-30-103 is repealed.

~~25-30-103. Adult education funds.~~

~~The Career Education and Workforce Development Board and the State Board of Education shall remain the sole state agencies to administer any and all state and federal adult education funds.~~

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 25-30-105 is amended to read as follows:

25-30-105. Coordination between ~~Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board~~ Division of Higher Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Skills Development, and Career Education and Workforce Development Board.

(a) ~~The Career Education and Workforce Development Board and,~~ the ~~Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board~~ Division of Higher Education, the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Office of Skills Development shall coordinate their activities to ensure that secondary and postsecondary career preparation is connected to create opportunities for a strong comprehensive education regardless of the student's ultimate career choice.

~~(b) In addition, the Career Education and Workforce Development Board and the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall participate in a collaborative planning process annually for the distribution of federal funds for workforce education activities, including vocational technical education.~~

~~(c) The distribution shall be pursuant to written agreement between the Career Education and Workforce Development Board and the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.~~

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 25-30-109(d), concerning consultation between the Office of Skills Development and the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is repealed.

~~(d) The office shall consult with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission in reviewing applications for workforce training grants under this section.~~