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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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23 TO AMEND CERTAIN LAWS REGARDING
24 APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING PROGRAMS,
25 SCHOOL APPROVAL, AND MEMBERSHIP ON BOARDS
26 WITH RESPECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CAREER
27 EDUCATION.
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31 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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33 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-50-503 is amended to read as follows:
34 6-50-503. Establishment of ~~program~~ programs.

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



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

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

5 (1) ~~Providing Strong~~ strong employer commitment and involvement;

6 (2) ~~Taking young people at the end of the tenth grade~~ Guiding
 7 high-school students through a three-year ~~to~~ or four-year process ~~connecting~~
 8 that connects high school and the first one (1) or two (2) years of
 9 postsecondary learning;

10 (3) Providing high-quality supervised learning opportunities for
 11 students at the work site;

12 (4) Integrating academic and vocational teaching and learning in
 13 the classroom and at work;

14 (5) Fostering interactive, team-based learning in the classroom;

15 (6) Including curriculum on all aspects of the industry;

16 (7) Using competency-based measures for evaluating student
 17 progress;

18 (8) Providing both academic and occupational credentials;

19 (9) Providing access and support to nontraditional groups; and

20 (10) Explicitly addressing issues ~~presented by~~ regarding
 21 diversity in society and the workplace.

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

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

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

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

34 ~~6-50-504. Demonstration programs.~~

35 ~~(a) The Department of Career Education shall implement during the~~
 36 ~~1991-1993 biennium at least five (5) demonstration youth apprenticeship~~

1 ~~programs.~~

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

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

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

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

15 6-52-207. Training programs generally.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 ~~(2)(3)~~ (3) The apprentice or ~~the~~ an apprenticeship program sponsor
 6 may be required to furnish books and special equipment.

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

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

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

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

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

26 (1) adequate Adequate facilities,;

27 (2) personnel Personnel; and

28 (3) resources Resources.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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18 /s/J. English

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