

Hall of the House of Representatives

95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill 1733

TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE
ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE PROGRAM ACT.

Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 1733

Amend House Bill 1733 as engrossed H3/12/25 (version: 3/12/25 12:16:50 PM):

Page 1, delete line 21, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Preschool is an essential resource and component in the State of Arkansas that is necessary to prepare young children to adequately participate in a learning environment in elementary education;

(2) Currently, the Arkansas Better Chance Program and Arkansas Better Chance for School Success Program have twenty-three thousand (23,000) available preschool slots between the two programs;

(3) It is in the best interest of Arkansas's families and childcare providers to combine the Arkansas Better Chance Program and Arkansas Better Chance for School Success Program to promote efficiency in the use and administration of the programs; and

(4) The qualifications for eligibility to participate in the Arkansas Better Chance Program and Arkansas Better Chance for School Success Program should be established by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education and should be the same qualifications for eligibility to participate in the Arkansas Better Chance Program for the 2024-2025 school year.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to ensure a greater opportunity for a more efficient utilization of current slots and resources available in both the Arkansas Better Chance Program and Arkansas Better



Chance for School Success Program for Arkansas families and childcare providers.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-45-104(a)(2), concerning the requirement"

AND

Page 1, line 32, delete "SECTION 2" and substitute "SECTION 3"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 12 through 36, and substitute the following:

"(D) A child from birth through five (5) years of age who meets at least one (1) of the qualifications established by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education for the Arkansas Better Chance Program or the Arkansas Better Chance for School Success Program shall be eligible to participate in the Arkansas Better Chance Program or the Arkansas Better Chance for School Success Program."

AND

Page 3, line 32, delete "SECTION 3" and substitute "SECTION 4"

The Amendment was read
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