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Call Item 4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1154

5 By: Representative Mahony
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT
10 PROVIDE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY
11 TO ENROLL IN AT LEAST ONE (1) ADVANCED PLACEMENT
12 COURSE IN THE FOUR (4) CORE AREAS OF ENGLISH,
13 MATH, SCIENCE, AND SOCIAL STUDIES; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 TO REQUIRE THAT ADVANCED PLACEMENT
17 COURSES BE AVAILABLE IN THE FOUR (4)
18 CORE AREAS IN HIGH SCHOOL.
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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 Title 6, Chapter 16, is amended to add an
25 additional subchapter to read as follows:

26 6-16-1201. Purpose.

27 To ensure that each student has an adequate education, the General
28 Assembly finds that each student should have access to a rigorous and
29 substantially equal curriculum.
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31 6-16-1202. Definitions.

32 As used in this subchapter:

33 (1) "Advanced Placement course" means a high school level
34 preparatory course for a college Advanced Placement test that:

35 (A) Incorporates all topics specified by the College Board
36 and Educational Testing Service on its standards syllabus for a given subject



1 area; and

2 (B) Is approved by the College Board and Educational
 3 Testing Service.

4 (2) "Pre-Advanced Placement course" means a middle school,
 5 junior high school, or high school level course that specifically prepares
 6 students to enroll and to participate in an advanced course.

7 (3) "Vertical team" means a group of educators from different
 8 grade levels in a given discipline who work cooperatively to develop and
 9 implement a vertically aligned program aimed at helping students from diverse
 10 backgrounds acquire the academic skills necessary for success in the Advanced
 11 Placement Program and other challenging coursework.

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 13 6-16-1203. Teacher training.

14 (a) A teacher of an Advanced Placement course must obtain appropriate
 15 training.

16 (b)(1) The State Board of Education shall establish clear, specific,
 17 and challenging training guidelines that require teachers of College Board
 18 Advanced Placement courses and teachers of Pre-Advanced Placement courses to
 19 obtain College Board sponsored or endorsed training.

20 (2) The training may include vertical team training.

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 22 6-16-1204. Implementation of Advanced Placement courses.

23 (a) In order to prepare students for the rigor inherent in Advanced
 24 Placement courses, school districts shall offer Pre-Advanced Placement
 25 courses to prepare students for the demands of Advanced Placement coursework.

26 (b) The Department of Education shall:

27 (1) Approve all classes designated as Pre-Advanced Placement
 28 courses; and

29 (2) Develop rules necessary for the implementation of Advanced
 30 Placement courses.

31 (c) Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, all school districts
 32 shall offer one (1) College Board Advanced Placement course in each of the
 33 four (4) core areas of math, English, science, and social studies for a total
 34 of four (4) courses.

35 (d)(1) The requirement under subsection (c) of this section shall be
 36 phased in over a period of four (4) years beginning with the 2005-2006 school

1 year.

2 (2) Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, all high schools
3 in Arkansas shall offer a minimum of four (4) Advanced Placement courses by
4 adding at least one (1) core course each year to the list of courses
5 available to high school students.

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