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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1022

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

15 TO REPEAL PERFORMANCE-BASED INCENTIVE  
16 AWARDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND OPEN-  
17 ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2107 is amended to read as follows:  
22 6-15-2107. Arkansas School Recognition Program.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1       ~~(d)(1)~~ All eligible schools shall receive performance based funding.

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

7                       ~~(i)(A)~~ The principal;

8                       ~~(ii)(B)~~ A teacher elected by the faculty; and

9                       ~~(iii)(C)~~ A parent representative selected by the  
10 local parent-teacher association or some other local parental involvement  
11 group.

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

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

16                       (1) Nonrecurring bonuses to the faculty and staff;

17                       (2) Nonrecurring expenditures for educational equipment or  
18 materials to assist in maintaining and improving student performance; or

19                       (3) Temporary personnel for the public school or open-enrollment  
20 public charter school to assist in maintaining and improving student  
21 performance.

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

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

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