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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1022

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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27 */s/A. Collins*
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