

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2434

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5 By: Representatives Cook, Mahony, Abernathy, Berry, Blount, Bolin, Chesterfield, Cowling, Dangeau,
6 Davenport, Davis, Dickinson, Dobbins, Edwards, Elliott, Everett, Fite, George, Glidewell, Hardwick,
7 Harris, J. Johnson, Kidd, Ledbetter, Maloch, J. Martin, McDaniel, Overbey, Petrus, Pyle, Rainey,
8 Roebuck, Rosenbaum, Sample, Saunders, Walters, Wells, Wills, Wyatt
9 By: Senators Bisbee, Argue, Broadway, Bryles, J. Jeffress, G. Jeffress, Madison, Malone, Miller,
10 Salmon, Wooldridge

For An Act To Be Entitled

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13 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
14 SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO
15 SCHOOLS IN SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF
16 MOVING THE SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS OUT OF SCHOOL
17 IMPROVEMENT STATUS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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20 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS LEADERSHIP
21 ACADEMY SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAM.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 4 is amended
28 to add an additional section to read as follows:

29 6-15-439. Arkansas Leadership Academy School Support Program.

30 (a) There is created the Arkansas Leadership Academy School Support
31 Program through which the Arkansas Leadership Academy in collaboration with
32 the Department of Education shall provide support to schools or school
33 districts designated by the Department of Education as being in school
34 improvement.

35 (b) The Arkansas Leadership Academy School Support Program shall:



1 (1) Build the leadership capacity of the school and district
 2 personnel;

3 (2) Train a diverse school leadership team, including, but not
 4 limited to, the school principals and teachers;

5 (3) Provide a cadre of highly-experienced, trained performance
 6 coaches to work in the school or school district on a regular basis; and

7 (4) Work with the school and school district staff, school board
 8 members, parents, community members, and other stakeholders as necessary to
 9 provide a comprehensive support network that can continue the school's
 10 progress and improvement after completion of the Arkansas Leadership
 11 Academy's formal intervention and support.

12 (c) Any school district that is in school improvement may be invited,
 13 strongly encouraged, or required to participate in the Arkansas Leadership
 14 Academy School Support Program as provided in the rules of the State Board of
 15 Education.

16 (d) The Arkansas Leadership Academy and participating schools shall
 17 commit to continue participation in the program for no fewer than three (3)
 18 consecutive school years.

19 (e) The Arkansas Leadership Academy School Support Program shall be
 20 designed, developed, and administered by the Arkansas Leadership Academy
 21 created under § 6-15-1007.

22 (f)(1) The Department of Education and the Arkansas Leadership Academy
 23 shall develop criteria for selection of schools or districts to participate
 24 in the Arkansas Leadership Academy School Support Program.

25 (2)(A) The number of schools participating in the Arkansas
 26 Leadership Academy School Support Program shall be determined by the amount
 27 of funding available for the program.

28 (B) The State Board of Education or the Department of
 29 Education may require a school district to fund a portion of the cost of the
 30 school's or district's participation in the Arkansas Leadership Academy
 31 School Support Program if the Director of the Department of Education
 32 determines that such participation is in the best interest of the students
 33 served by the participating school or district.

34 (C) Subject to the approval of the State Board of
 35 Education, the Director of the Department of Education shall determine the
 36 portion of the school district's financial obligation for participation in

1 the program, if any.

2 (g) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules as necessary
3 to implement the requirements of this section.

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