

**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.
Act 1229 of the Regular Session**

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2434

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
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS LEADERSHIP
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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