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Acts 340/341 and Act 501

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Recommend -- Arkansas Code Revision Commission strike Section 34 of Act 340/341 in its entirety

Acts 340 and 341 seek recognition for schools and promulgation of administrative rules ... Act 501 delivers... while Acts 340 and 341 leave those actions conditional without definition resolving the condition.

Rational:

- Act 501 was subsequently enacted ... where there is a conflict between Act 501 and Acts 340 and 341 ... Act 501 prevails.
- If codified as enacted the guidance of 6-28-207 falls in the wrong Title 6, Chapter 28, subchapter – Subchapter 2 – State coordination ... rather than Subchapter 3 – Purple Star School Program
- As extracted below ... Acts 340 and 341, Section 34 (page 41, line 36 to page 42 line 5)
 - A condition (“a significant commitment”) yet does not define the term or criteria
 - Provides conditional authority (“may be designated”) but does not provide the criteria for that determination.
 - Provides DESE with conditional authority (“may promulgate rules”) but does not provide the criteria for that determination.

(a) A public school district or an open-enrollment public charter

school that shows a significant commitment to serving students and families connected to the United States Armed Forces may be designated as a Purple Star School or Purple Star School District.

(b) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education may promulgate rules to implement this section.

- By contrast as extracted below Act 501, Section 10 (page 13, line 20 through page 14, line 14)
 - Provides mandatory direction and clear criteria to be used in making a Purple Star School designation ... and
 - Provides mandatory direction for DESE to promulgate supporting administrative rules.

6-28-302. Arkansas Council for Military Children — Purple Star School Program — Duties.

The Arkansas Council for Military Children shall:

(1) Develop and review biennially and amend as necessary the

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Purple Star School Program model;

(2) When developing, reviewing, and amending the Purple Star School Program as required under subdivision (1) of this section, incorporate provisions prescribed by the council, the Military Child Education Coalition, and other relevant, recognized authorities;

(3) Use the Purple Star School Program's application and renewal process along with interdistrict collaboration events to drive continuous improvement of the program;

(4) Define required and optional Purple Star School Program provisions established by § 6-28-301 and performance standards;

(5) Establish phase-in timing and training, if required, when adopting or amending Purple Star School Program provisions; and

(6) Establish a recognition program for public schools, public school districts, and private schools that meet Purple Star School Program standards as defined and evaluated by the council.

6-28-303. Division of Elementary and Secondary Education — Purple Star School Program — Duties.

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall:

(1) Provide relevant resources for the orientation and training of public school district military family education coordinators and public school military family education facilitators under this chapter;

(2) Administer the Purple Star School Program;

(3) Provide administrative and logistical support to the Arkansas Council for Military Children to develop the program; and

(4) Promulgate and incorporate Purple Star School program rules into the rules the division promulgates under this chapter.

1 initiatives, including without limitation:

2 (1) Engaging community organizations, local businesses, and
3 military installations to enhance resources and support for military-
4 connected students and their families;

5 (2) Organizing community events that raise awareness of
6 military-connected students and their contributions; and

7 (3) Establishing partnerships with regional stakeholders to
8 enhance Purple Star School Program efforts while fulfilling all requirements
9 for the Purple Star School Program established by the division.

10 (e) As used in this section, a "military-connected student" is:

11 (1) An incoming or a currently enrolled student who is a child
12 or dependent of a current or former active or reserve component uniformed
13 services member;

14 (2) A child of a uniformed services member who died while on
15 active duty or as a result of injuries sustained while on active duty;

16 (3) A student who is a sibling of a uniformed services member;

17 (4) A student who has enlisted in the uniformed services; or

18 (5) A Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadet.

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20 6-28-302. Arkansas Council for Military Children – Purple Star School
21 Program – Duties.

22 The Arkansas Council for Military Children shall:

23 (1) Develop and review biennially and amend as necessary the
24 Purple Star School Program model;

25 (2) When developing, reviewing, and amending the Purple Star
26 School Program as required under subdivision (1) of this section, incorporate
27 provisions prescribed by the council, the Military Child Education Coalition,
28 and other relevant, recognized authorities;

29 (3) Use the Purple Star School Program's application and renewal
30 process along with interdistrict collaboration events to drive continuous
31 improvement of the program;

32 (4) Define required and optional Purple Star School Program
33 provisions established by § 6-28-301 and performance standards;

34 (5) Establish phase-in timing and training, if required, when
35 adopting or amending Purple Star School Program provisions; and

36 (6) Establish a recognition program for public schools, public

1 school districts, and private schools that meet Purple Star School Program
2 standards as defined and evaluated by the council.

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4 6-28-303. Division of Elementary and Secondary Education – Purple Star
5 School Program – Duties.

6 The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall:

7 (1) Provide relevant resources for the orientation and training
8 of public school district military family education coordinators and public
9 school military family education facilitators under this chapter;

10 (2) Administer the Purple Star School Program;

11 (3) Provide administrative and logistical support to the
12 Arkansas Council for Military Children to develop the program; and

13 (4) Promulgate and incorporate Purple Star School program rules
14 into the rules the division promulgates under this chapter.

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(10) One (1) principal appointed by the commissioner; and

(11) One (1) superintendent appointed by the commissioner.

SECTION 32. Arkansas Code § 6-21-817(b), concerning the membership of the Public School Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The committee shall be composed of ~~six (6) members as follows~~ the following members:

(1) One (1) member from the Building Authority Division;

(2) One (1) member from the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation;

(3) One (1) member from the ~~State Fire Marshal Office of the Division of Arkansas State Police~~ Office of Fire Protection Services;

(4) One (1) member from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education;

~~(5) One (1) member from the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators;~~ and

~~(6) One (1) member from the Arkansas Public School Resource Center, Inc.~~

(5) Other relevant stakeholders deemed necessary by the members designated under subdivisions (b)(1)-(4) of this section.

SECTION 33. Arkansas Code § 6-28-112(b), concerning academic course placement under the Arkansas Military Child School Transitions Act of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Academic course placement includes without limitation enrollment in:

(1) ~~Honors courses~~ Accelerated learning courses; and

(2) ~~The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme;~~

~~(3) Advanced Placement courses; and~~

~~(4)~~ Academic, technical, and career pathway courses.

SECTION 34. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 28, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

§ 6-28-207. Purple Star Schools.

(a) A public school district or an open-enrollment public charter

1 school that shows a significant commitment to serving students and families
 2 connected to the United States Armed Forces may be designated as a Purple
 3 Star School or Purple Star School District.

4 (b) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education may promulgate
 5 rules to implement this section.

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 7 SECTION 35. Arkansas Code § 6-41-610(b)(2), concerning the membership
 8 of the committee that develops and updates the Arkansas Dyslexia Resource
 9 Guide, is amended to read as follows:

10 ~~(2)(A) The committee shall include one (1) representative who~~
 11 ~~has the following members who shall have~~ experience working in the field of
 12 dyslexia intervention ~~from the following organizations, and are~~ appointed by
 13 the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education:

14 ~~(i)(A) The Arkansas Association of Educational~~
 15 ~~Administrators~~ One (1) public school administrator;

16 ~~(ii)(B) The Division~~ A representative from the Office of
 17 Learning Services of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education;

18 ~~(iii)(C) The~~ A representative from the Division of Higher
 19 Education;

20 ~~(iv)(D) The Arkansas Education Association~~ One (1) public
 21 school licensed educator;

22 ~~(v)(E) The Arkansas School Boards Association~~ One (1)
 23 public school district board of directors member;

24 ~~(vi)(F) The Arkansas School Psychology Association, A~~
 25 school psychologist with at least three (3) years of experience in testing
 26 for dyslexia; ~~and~~

27 ~~(vii)(G) An education service cooperative administrator;~~
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29 ~~(B)(H)~~ Three (3) professionals who have worked in a public
 30 school who are knowledgeable in and have expertise in dyslexia screening and
 31 interventions.

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 33 SECTION 36. Arkansas Code §§ 6-51-602 and 6-51-603 are amended to read
 34 as follows:

35 6-51-602. Definitions.

36 As used in this subchapter, ~~unless the context otherwise requires:~~