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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULES FOR SECONDARY TECHNICAL CENTERS

This rule is issued pursuant to the authority granted the Arkansas Office of Skills Development pursuant to Act 507 of 2021, as codified at Ark. Code Ann. § 6-51-303.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF RULE

The previous version of this rule prohibited secondary technical centers from using vocational aid funding for the maintenance and operation of facilities. Act 507 of 2021 created an exception to this rule if the secondary technical center is physically detached from a local public school district or state-supported institution of higher education. The Department began promulgating this amendment in 2022, but it was determined that the amendment drafted created an exception that was broader than Act 507 intended. Therefore, the Department drafted a narrower amendment and began the promulgation process again.