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DATE: July 12, 2023
TO: All Interested Persons
FROM: Arkansas Office of Skills Development
SUBJECT: Proposed Rule re: Rules for Secondary Technical Centers

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please find attached or available by electronic publication by the Arkansas Office of Skills Development (“OSD”) a proposed amendment to OSD’s Rules for Secondary Technical Centers.

Pursuant to the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act, and all other applicable statutes or rules, NOTICE is hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held on July 23rd, 2024, at 2 p.m. in the Diamond Mine Room on the second floor of the offices of the Arkansas Department of Commerce, 1 Commerce Way, Little Rock, AR 72202.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to determine whether OSD should adopt the proposed amendments. The proposed amendments enact Act 507 of 2021, which allows secondary technical centers to use vocational aid funding for the maintenance and operation of facilities so long as the secondary technical center is physical detached from a local public school district or state-supported institution of higher learning.

All interested persons are encouraged to send their comments, statements, or opinions to the address below or to attend the Public Hearing and present, orally or in writing, statements, arguments, or opinions on the proposed amendments. The record will remain open for public comment until the close of the 30-day period outlined in the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act; in this instance, August 11, 2024.

Persons who wish to testify or make comments are requested to submit intended statements in writing in advance of the Public Hearing. Inquiries should be directed to: Jake Windley, Director of Legislative Affairs & Policies, Arkansas Department of Commerce, 501-682-5355, email: jake.windley@arkansas.gov. A copy of the proposed amendments may be obtained or viewed at <https://arkansasosd.com/grants-application/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jake Windley".

Jake G. Windley
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