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.

A Bill

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR APPROVAL OF COSMETOLOGICAL SCHOOLS IN PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IS THE SAME APPLICATION PROCESS THAT IS REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL OF ALL OTHER COSMETOLOGICAL SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE THAT THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR APPROVAL OF COSMETOLOGICAL SCHOOLS IN PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IS THE SAME APPLICATION PROCESS THAT IS REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL OF ALL OTHER COSMETOLOGICAL SCHOOLS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-26-418, as amended by Section 26 of Act 4 of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) All public educational institutions operating cosmetological schools shall comply with the standards, and rules, and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Health.
(2)(A) However, the responsibility for approval of cosmetological schools in public educational institutions shall be the sole responsibility of the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities.
(B) In approving a cosmetological school in a public educational institution, the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities shall use the same application process and requirements as the State Board of Health uses for approval of all other cosmetological schools.

(b) Such schools shall not be required to obtain a license as prescribed in this chapter.

(c) Each person who successfully completes the courses in cosmetology given in a school under the public school system of this state is eligible for a license under this chapter the same as though he or she had graduated from a licensed private school of cosmetology approved by the State Board of Health. For this purpose, successful completion of courses in cosmetology given in public schools equal to and the equivalent of the courses required to be given in licensed private schools of cosmetology approved by the Department of Health shall be deemed to be the fulfillment of the requirements of this chapter in regard to completion of courses in licensed schools of cosmetology approved by the Department of Health.