

Act 245 of the 1989 Regular Session.

Act 245

HB1147

By: Representatives McGinnis and Stephens

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE UNIFORM REPORTING OF ATHLETIC EXPENDITURES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. (a) The State Board of Higher Education, with the assistance of Legislative Audit, is authorized and directed to establish uniform reporting and auditing to report athletic costs and revenues of each state-supported institution of higher education.

(b) Such reports shall be subject to annual review by the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and shall be made public by the State Board of Higher Education.

(c) The uniform report shall include the following definitions:

(1) "Athletic expenditures" means all direct and indirect expenses (prorated if necessary) including salaries, all fringe benefits such as medical and dental insurance, workers' compensation, pension plans, tuition waivers, and any other costs associated with recruitment and retention of staff, travel, equipment, scholarships, meals, housing/dormitory, supplies, property and medical insurance, medical expenses, utilities and maintenance of facilities related to all intercollegiate teams and spirit groups excluding bands.

(2) "Income" means all direct income from gate receipts, revenues from related concession sales, advertising and media revenue, gifts from private donors (deposited and expensed by the athletic account), and any fees in addition to regular tuition and fees paid by students as approved for support of the intercollegiate athletic program pursuant to procedures prescribed by the State Board of Higher Education, and all transfers from other funds or accounts.

(d) The State Board of Higher Education shall report to the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee the failure of an institution to report athletic costs and revenue utilizing the uniform report required by this act.

SECTION 2. (a) All state-supported institutions of higher education shall report athletic costs and revenues utilizing the uniform report developed by the State Board of Higher Education by October 1 of each year.

(b) The State Board of Higher Education shall compile the reports and make them available to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and the public by November 1 of each year.

SECTION 3. The State Board of Higher Education and Department of Higher Education are directed to consider the issue of athletic expenditures and appropriate levels of state support of athletics and report their findings to the General Assembly prior to the 78th Session commencing January 1991.

SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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