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# **A Bill**

**ACT 537 OF 1993**  
**HOUSE BILL 1536**

4 **By: Representatives McGinnis, Cunningham and Stephens**

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## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE UNIFORM REPORTING OF TOTAL REVENUES,  
9 EXPENDITURES, AND PRODUCTIVITY BY ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT,  
10 PROGRAM, AND ACTIVITY AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION;  
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## **Subtitle**

14 "TO REQUIRE UNIFORM REPORTING OF ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS,  
15 PROGRAMS, AND ACTIVITIES AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
16 EDUCATION."

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

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21 SECTION 1. (a) The State Board of Higher Education is authorized and  
22 directed to establish uniform *reporting* standards to report annually all  
23 current funds revenues and expenditures associated with each academic  
24 department and within each department the academic programs offered at each  
25 state-supported institution of higher education.

26 (b) Such reports shall be subject to annual review by the State Board  
27 of Higher Education and the Joint Interim Committee on Education.

28 (c) The report shall be predicated on the following definitions of  
29 academic department, academic program, and program revenues, expenditures, and  
30 productivity:

31 (1) "Academic department" is defined as each organizational,  
32 budgetary unit associated with the delivery of instruction, research, and  
33 public service activities.

34 (2) "Academic program" is defined as all programs of study  
35 leading to a degree, certificate, diploma, and any other program as defined by  
36 the State Department of Higher Education.

1           (3) "Academic department and program revenues" shall include  
2 tuition and fee, both undergraduate and graduate, endowments, gifts and  
3 grants, sponsored research, and all other revenues associated with each  
4 academic department and specific academic programs.

5           (4) "Academic department and program expenditures" shall include  
6 all direct and prorated indirect expenses. Direct expenses include faculty  
7 salaries, staff salaries, fringe benefits, scholarships and fellowships,  
8 graduate stipends and graduate assistant tuition, student labor, materials and  
9 supplies, equipment, travel, and telephone. Indirect expenses include central  
10 administrative management, institution-wide services, and departmental  
11 administration, student services, research, indirect cost recovery, public  
12 services and information, financial aid, plant operations and maintenance,  
13 utilities, debt service, non-mandatory transfers, and all other indirect  
14 expenses. Total academic department and program expenditures should equal the  
15 current funds expenditures as reported in the institution\_s financial  
16 statement.

17           (5) Within each academic department any difference between  
18 academic program revenues and academic program expenditures shall be  
19 determined to be the state subsidy of that academic program and reported  
20 annually.

21           (6) Productivity by academic program shall be defined as the  
22 number of declared majors, number of upper division and graduate student  
23 semester credit hours produced, and the number of degrees, certificates, and  
24 diplomas conferred in each program.

25           (d) The State Board of Higher Education is authorized to promulgate any  
26 rules or regulations necessary for the implementation of this act and shall  
27 report to the Joint Interim Committee on Education the failure of an  
28 institution to comply with the provisions of this act.

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30           SECTION 2. (a) By *December 1, 1994*, all state-supported institutions  
31 of higher education shall report academic department and program revenues,  
32 expenditures, and productivity utilizing the uniform report established by the  
33 State Board of Higher Education.

34           (b) The academic department and program report shall include an  
35 institution\_s ten highest academic program priorities and shall identify

1 undergraduate programs that produce less than 10 graduates annually and  
2 graduate programs that produce less than 5 graduates annually.

3 (c) The State Board of Higher Education shall review the institutional  
4 reports and submit them to the Joint Interim Committee on Education by  
5 *December 1* of each year beginning in 1994.

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7 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent  
8 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
9 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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11 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
12 hereby repealed.

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14 */s/Rep. McGinnis, et al*

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