

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

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A Bill

Act 523 of 1999
SENATE BILL 449

5 By: Senators Mahony, D. Malone
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION
10 COORDINATING BOARD TO PROVIDE A BIENNIAL REPORT OF ALL
11 CURRENT FUNDS' REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR EACH
12 ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT AT EACH STATE-SUPPORTED
13 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

15 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS HIGHER
16 EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD TO PROVIDE
17 A BIENNIAL REPORT OF ALL CURRENT FUNDS'
18 REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR STATE-
19 SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
20 EDUCATION. "

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

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-61-222 is amended to read as follows:

27 "(a)(1) The ~~State Board of Higher Education~~ Arkansas Higher Education
28 Coordinating Board is authorized and directed to establish uniform reporting
29 standards to report ~~annually~~ biennially all current funds' revenues and
30 expenditures associated with each academic department and, within each
31 department, the academic programs offered at each state-supported institution
32 of higher education.

33 (2) Such reports shall be subject to ~~annual~~ biennial review by
34 the ~~State Board of Higher Education~~ Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating
35 Board and the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education of the General
36 Assembly.

1 (3) The report shall be predicated on the following definitions:

2 (A) 'Academic department' is defined as each organizational
3 and budgetary unit associated with the delivery of instruction, research, and
4 public service activities;

5 (B) 'Academic program' is defined as all programs of study
6 leading to a degree, ~~or certificate, or diploma,~~ and any other program as
7 defined by the Department of Higher Education;

8 (C) 'Academic department and program revenues' shall
9 include tuition and fees, both undergraduate and graduate, endowments, gifts
10 and grants, sponsored research, and all other revenues associated with each
11 academic department and specific academic programs;

12 (D) 'Academic department and program expenditures' shall
13 include all direct and prorated indirect expenses.

14 ~~(1)(i)~~ Direct expenses include faculty salaries,
15 staff salaries, fringe benefits, scholarships and fellowships, graduate
16 stipends and graduate assistant tuition, student labor, materials and
17 supplies, equipment, travel, and telephone.

18 ~~(2)(ii)~~ Indirect expenses include central
19 administrative management, institution-wide services, and departmental
20 administration, student services, research, indirect cost recovery, public
21 services and information, financial aid, plant operations and maintenance,
22 utilities, debt service, nonmandatory transfers, and all other indirect
23 expenses.

24 ~~(3)(iii)~~ Total academic department and program
25 expenditures should equal the current funds' expenditures as reported in the
26 institution's financial statement;

27 (E) 'State subsidy' - Within each academic department, any
28 difference between academic program revenues and academic program expenditures
29 shall be determined to be the 'state subsidy' of that academic program ~~and~~
30 ~~reported annually;~~ and

31 (F) 'Productivity by academic program' shall be defined as
32 the number of declared majors, number of ~~upper division~~ undergraduate and
33 graduate student semester credit hours produced, and the number of degrees,
34 and certificates, ~~and diplomas~~ conferred in each program.

35 (4) ~~The State Board of Higher Education~~ Arkansas Higher Education
36 Coordinating Board is authorized to promulgate any rules or regulations

1 necessary for the implementation of this section and shall report to the House
2 and Senate Interim Committees on Education the failure of an institution to
3 comply with the provisions of this section.

4 (b)(1) By ~~December 1~~ September 15 of each year, all state-supported
5 institutions of higher education shall report academic department and program
6 revenues, expenditures, and productivity utilizing the uniform report
7 established by the ~~State Board of Higher Education~~ Arkansas Higher Education
8 Coordinating Board.

9 (2) The academic department and program report ~~shall include an~~
10 ~~institution's ten (10) highest academic program priorities and shall identify~~
11 ~~undergraduate and graduate programs that produce fewer graduates than ten (10)~~
12 ~~graduates annually and graduate programs that produce fewer than five (5)~~
13 ~~graduates annually~~ required to meet the degree productivity standards set by
14 the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

15 (3) The ~~State Board of Higher Education~~ Arkansas Higher Education
16 Coordinating Board shall review the institutional reports and submit them to
17 *the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education by January 15 of each* odd
18 numbered year.

19 (c) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board is further
20 authorized and directed to establish uniform reporting standards to report any
21 other information that may be required to meet any other state or federal
22 statutory or regulatory requirements."

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24 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
25 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
26 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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28 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
29 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
30 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
31 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
32 act are declared to be severable.

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

36 /s/ Mahon

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