

**Report of the Higher Education Subcommittee
of the
Arkansas Legislative Council**

October 16, 2009

Mr. Chairmen:

Your Higher Education Subcommittee met on October 2nd and 15th, 2009, and reports the discussion and consideration of the following presentations and items by the noted speakers:

- A. Questions and Answers concerning Affordability, Accessibility and Accountability of Arkansas Higher Education; the Vision and Goal of the Task Force on Higher Education Remediation, Retention and Graduation Rates; and the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act and the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program - meeting with the Arkansas Association of Public Universities Annual Conference
- B. Dr. Jim Purcell, Director, Dept. of Higher Education, update on various items and issues:
 - 1. SREB States' Scores or Conditions Causing Remediation
 - 2. Arkansas School Districts' Remediation with Graduation Percents
 - 3. Report of Institutions' Discontinuing Students Who Have Achieved 75% or More of Required Hours for Graduation
 - 4. Arkansas's Progress in comparison to the recommendations of "Promoting Economic Mobility by Increasing Postsecondary Education", a report from the Economic Mobility Project of the Pew Charitable Trust
 - 5. Addressed questions from the September meeting concerning new programs and building costs, total cost of attendance, need and merit scholarships, on-line classes offered, costs of different programs, and tuition fees and policies

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Gilbert Baker, Co-Chair

Representative Johnnie Roebuck, Co-Chair