

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.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2459

5 By: Representatives Mack, Dickinson, Thyer, Abernathy, Adams, Blount, Bolin, Bond, Boyd, Bright,  
6 Burris, Chesterfield, Childers, Clemons, Cook, Cooper, Cowling, D. Creekmore, Dangeau, Dobbins,  
7 Edwards, Elliott, D. Evans, Everett, Fite, Goss, Hardwick, Jackson, Jeffrey, Kenney, Mahony, J. Martin,  
8 M. Martin, Nichols, Norton, Overbey, Pace, Petrus, Rainey, Rankin, Roebuck, Saunders, Scroggin,  
9 Thomason, Verkamp, Walters, Wood  
10 By: Senators Baker, Hill, Altes, Bisbee, Broadway, Bryles, Faris, Hendren, G. Jeffress, J. Jeffress, B.  
11 Johnson, Laverty  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

14 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ACCURATE INSTITUTIONAL  
15 ADVICE FOR UNIVERSITY COURSE WORK AND DEGREE  
16 COMPLETION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

19 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ACCURATE  
20 INSTITUTIONAL ADVICE FOR UNIVERSITY  
21 COURSE WORK AND DEGREE COMPLETION.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. (a) The purpose of this act is to ensure that faculty  
28 advisors at universities provide students with course selection advice that  
29 will enable a full-time student to obtain most bachelor's degrees within  
30 eight (8) semesters.

31 (b) Any person assigned by a university to provide course selection  
32 advice to incoming freshman students shall provide any student who has  
33 declared a major with a written, eight (8) semester course of study signed by  
34 either the institution's chief operating officer, president, or dean that  
35 provides a recommended sequence for all course requirements for completion of  
36 most bachelor's degrees within eight (8) semesters.



1           (c)(1)(A) Any student who chooses a bachelor’s degree designed to be  
 2 completed within eight (8) semesters may commit to completion of the degree  
 3 requirements within eight (8) semesters by signing and returning a copy of  
 4 the written, eight-semester course of study to the university’s advising  
 5 center or the student’s assigned academic advisor.

6           (B) If a student does not choose to commit to completion  
 7 of the degree requirements within eight (8) semesters, the institution shall  
 8 obtain a signed, written waiver from the student which clearly outlines the  
 9 student’s rights under this section and verifies that the student chooses to  
 10 not enter into the commitment. If no waiver is obtained, the institution  
 11 will be deemed to have guaranteed a bachelor’s degree as provided by this  
 12 section.

13           (2) A student shall be guaranteed a bachelor’s degree at the end  
 14 of the eight (8) semesters if the student:

15                   (A) Commits to completion of his or her bachelor degree  
 16 requirements within eight (8) semesters as set forth under subdivision (c)(1)  
 17 of this section;

18                   (B) Makes satisfactory academic progress;

19                   (C) Fulfills all of the course requirements set forth in  
 20 the signed, written, eight-semester course of study in the recommended  
 21 sequence; and

22                   (D) Does not change his or her declared major.

23           (d)(1) Each university shall publish a recommended course sequence and  
 24 recommended schedule by semester for each degree offered by the university.

25                   (2) The recommended course sequence schedule shall be included  
 26 in the university’s course catalog and departmental publications and on the  
 27 university’s website.

28                   (3) Each university shall offer and make available courses in a  
 29 time, sequence, and manner that will enable students to complete requirements  
 30 for a degree within the time frame set out in the recommended course sequence  
 31 schedule.

32           (e) Only universities that implement procedures in compliance with  
 33 this act shall be approved by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating  
 34 Board to receive funding from the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship  
 35 Program or the Arkansas Governor’s Scholars Program.

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