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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2087

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL HIGHER EDUCATION  
9 PERFORMANCE REPORT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

11 THE ARKANSAS ANNUAL HIGHER EDUCATION  
12 REPORT CARD ACT.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

20 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

21 (1) Recent reports suggest that Arkansas has one of the lowest  
22 college completion rates in the nation despite the fact that the college  
23 enrollment rates are similar to other southern states; and

24 (2) The low college completion rate jeopardizes the economic  
25 future of Arkansas.

26 (b) Therefore, to improve the college completion rate of Arkansas  
27 students, the General Assembly enacts the Arkansas Annual Higher Education  
28 Report Card Act.  
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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60 is amended to add an  
31 additional section to read as follows:

32 6-60-104. Annual higher education performance report.

33 (a) The purpose of this section is to help policymakers and  
34 educational stakeholders review emerging issues from the annual higher  
35 education performance report to develop strategies to help improve the  
36 postsecondary completion rate in Arkansas.



1       (b) As used in this section, "institution of higher education" means a  
2 state-funded two-year or four-year college or university located in Arkansas.

3       (c) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the  
4 Department of Higher Education shall collaboratively develop accountability  
5 measures for each institution of higher education in Arkansas.

6       (d) The board and the department shall analyze the information  
7 obtained from the accountability measures and compile an annual higher  
8 education performance report that includes without limitation for each  
9 institution of higher education:

10           (1) Three-year graduation trend data presented in a format that  
11 allows parents to compare each school's graduation rates with state and  
12 national trends;

13           (2) Staff qualifications; and

14           (3) Accreditation status.

15       (e) The annual higher education performance report shall be based on  
16 reliable statistical measures and published on the department's website in a  
17 format that can easily be understood by current and potential college  
18 students and their parents.

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