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1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**

A BILL ACT 978 OF 1991
SENATE BILL 492

4 **By: Senators Bookout, Malone, Harriman and Beebe**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A JOINT INTERIM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
9 ON HIGHER EDUCATION REFORM OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY; TO PROVIDE FOR STAFF FOR THE COMMITTEE; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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15 SECTION 1. (a) To assist the General Assembly, there is established the
16 Joint Interim Oversight Committee on Higher Education Reform to be composed of
17 the following members:

18 (1) Five (5) members of Arkansas Senate to be appointed by the
19 President Pro Tempore; and

20 (2) Five (5) members of the Arkansas House of Representatives to
21 be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

22 (3) *Four (4) members of the General Assembly from among the*
23 *membership of the Joint Interim Committee on Education, two (2) of whom shall*
24 *be Senators and appointed by the Senate Co-Chairman and two (2) of whom shall*
25 *be Representatives and appointed by the House Co-Chairman.*

26 (b) The committee shall be assisted by staff provided by the Bureau of
27 Legislative Research.

28 (c) Members of the committee shall be entitled to receive per diem and
29 expenses for their attendance at committee meetings at the same rate as
30 members of the General Assembly receive for attendance of Joint Interim
31 Committees.

32 (d) The members appointed to the committee shall select a chairman who
33 shall serve for a two (2) year term during the interim.

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35 SECTION 2. The duties of the Joint Interim Oversight Committee on
36 Higher Education Reform shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

1 (1) Review the Office of Accountability in the Department of Higher
2 Education;

3 (2) Review policy issues affecting postsecondary educational reform on
4 or before November 15 of the year preceding a regularly scheduled legislative
5 session and make recommendations concerning any necessary legislative changes
6 proposed by the Committee Department of Higher Education or the State Board of
7 Higher Education;

8 (3) Provide recommendations regarding use of state and federal funds in
9 postsecondary education;

10 (4) Review and assure coordination between the Department of Higher
11 Education and the various institutions of higher education;

12 (5) Evaluate innovative education projects and promote adoption of
13 successful projects to other institutions of higher education.

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

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19 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
20 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
21 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
22 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
23 act are declared to be severable.

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25 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
26 hereby repealed.

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28 /s/Bookout et al

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30 APPROVED: 4/8/91

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