

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Representative Mahony**

A Bill

ACT 969 OF 1993
HOUSE BILL 1271

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 *"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT A FIRST-TIME ENROLLING FRESHMAN*
9 *WHO GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL AFTER MAY 1, 1997, SHALL*
10 *SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE COLLEGE PREPARATORY CORE*
11 *CURRICULUM OR THE TECHNICAL PREPARATION CORE CURRICULUM TO*
12 *BE ELIGIBLE FOR UNCONDITIONAL ADMISSION TO A PUBLIC*
13 *INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."*

Subtitle

16 *"REQUIRING ENROLLING FRESHMEN TO COMPLETE A COLLEGE PREP.*
17 *OR TECH. PREP. CORE CURRICULUM FOR ADMISSION TO A PUBLIC*
18 *INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION."*

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

22 SECTION 1. (a) Beginning with the 1997-98 academic year, any student
23 who graduated from a high school after May 1, 1997, must have successfully
24 completed the college preparatory core curriculum, recommended by the State
25 Board of Higher Education after consultation with the State Board of Education
26 and pursuant to § 6-61-217, or the technical preparation core curriculum,
27 established by the State Board of Education pursuant to § 6-18-101, with a
28 minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 to be eligible for
29 unconditional admission to an associate of arts or a bachelor's degree program
30 in a public four-year institution of higher education.

31 (b) Subject to (c) below, beginning with the 1997-98 academic year, any
32 student who graduated from a high school after May 1, 1997, must have
33 successfully completed the college preparatory core curriculum, recommended by
34 the State Board of Higher Education after consultation with the State Board of
35 Education and pursuant to §6-61-217, or the technical preparation core
36 curriculum, established by the State Board of Education pursuant to §6-18-101,

1 to enroll in any certificate, diploma or degree program in any public two-year
2 institution of higher education.

3 (c) (1) The colleges and universities shall develop standards for
4 collegiate admissions based on the mission of each institution and establish a
5 conditional collegiate admission process for each institution, subject to the
6 recommendations of the State Board of Higher Education. The colleges and
7 universities are hereby directed to establish standards for conditional
8 admission for students who have not completed the college preparatory core
9 curriculum or the technical preparatory core curriculum, subject to the
10 recommendations of the State Board of Higher Education.

11 (2) At a minimum, these conditional admissions standards shall require
12 the following:

13 (A) For a student seeking an associate of arts degree or a
14 baccalaureate degree and who failed to successfully complete the college
15 preparatory core curriculum or the technical preparation core curriculum,
16 completion of twelve (12) hours of core academic courses and any necessary
17 remedial courses with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0.

18 (B) For a student seeking a diploma, technical certificate or an
19 associate of applied science degree and who failed to successfully complete
20 the college preparatory core curriculum or the technical preparation core
21 curriculum, completion of six (6) hours of core academic courses and six (6)
22 hours of technical courses required for the diploma, technical certificate or
23 an associate of applied science degree and any necessary remedial courses with
24 a cumulative grade point average of 2.0.

25 (3) In the development of the conditional admission standards, special
26 attention shall be given to non-traditional students, including those who are
27 home-schooled or who attended private secondary schools. Conditional
28 admission standards should appropriately reflect the mission of the
29 institution and shall be implemented by the institutions as a condition for
30 receiving state funds.

31 (4) If the State Board of Higher Education does not approve the
32 conditional collegiate admission standards and process for an institution, no
33 state funds shall be used to subsidize or pay for any portion of the cost
34 associated with the conditional student.

35 (d) The admissions criteria set forth in this act shall not apply to

1 those individuals who graduated from a high school prior to May 1, 1997.

2 (e) Nothing in this act shall prevent an institution of higher
3 education from setting higher admission standards for an enrolling freshman.

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

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9 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
10 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
11 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
12 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
13 act are declared to be severable.

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

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20 /s/Jodie Mahony

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