

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

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5 By: Representative D. Hutchinson
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO EXPAND REPORTING OF POSTSECONDARY
10 REMEDIATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO EXPAND REPORTING OF POSTSECONDARY
14 REMEDIATION.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-61-221 is amended to read as follows:

20 6-61-221. Reporting of graduates requiring postsecondary remediation.

21 (a)(1) The Department of Higher Education ~~shall have the authority to~~
22 shall collect information necessary to prepare reports of college achievement
23 of high school graduates from the public each state-supported institutions
24 institution of higher education ~~in the state such information as may be~~
25 ~~necessary to prepare reports of college achievement of high school graduates.~~

26 (2) The ~~department shall have the authority to~~ Department of
27 Higher Education may contract with appropriate organizations for the
28 preparation of the reports, ~~contingent upon the availability of funds.~~

29 (b)(1) The ~~department~~ Department of Higher Education and the Office of
30 Accountability of the Department of Education shall work together to develop
31 a compatible system of reporting the number of:

32 (1) ~~students~~ Students who required remediation during their
33 first year of enrollment in a ~~public~~ state-supported institution of higher
34 education ~~in this state~~ if the enrollment occurred within two (2) years of
35 graduation from a secondary school in this state-;



(2) Students who required remediation and who graduated:

(A) ~~The public school districts shall work with the department and the office to develop a compatible system of reporting the number of students requiring remediation who graduated with~~ With a 3.0 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale; and

(B) ~~who graduated from~~ From a public high school after completing the:

(i) ~~program~~ Program of the minimum core of high school courses recommended for preparation for postsecondary education by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the State Board of Education pursuant to § 6-61-217 known as Smart Core; or

(ii) Non-Smart Core curriculum; and

(3) Attempts it takes a student to pass a postsecondary remedial course, beginning in the 2011-2012 school year.

(c)(1) The compilation report generated by the ~~department~~ Department of Higher Education shall not include individual student information if the information is reported in a manner which would identify a particular student.

(2) Any information gathered ~~which~~ that identifies a particular student shall be confidential.

(d)(1) The Department of Higher Education shall provide the reports to the Department of Education, ~~and~~ the Department of Workforce Education, ~~and~~ may also provide the reports to the ~~coordinating board~~ Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Governor, the House Committee on Education, ~~and the Senate Committees~~ Committee on Education, and the ~~state board~~ State Board of Education.

(2) ~~The reports developed pursuant to~~ under this section shall be:

(A) ~~provided~~ Provided to each public high school and to school district administrators by the Department of Education; and

(B) Included in the Comprehensive Arkansas Higher Education Annual Report.

/s/ D. Hutchinson

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