

Act 98 of the 1989 Regular Session.

Act 98

HB1133

By: Representatives McGinnis, Cabe, Schexnayder, Pollan, Allen

"AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6, CHAPTER 61, SUBCHAPTER 2 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987 TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO IDENTIFY A MINIMUM CORE OF HIGH SCHOOL COURSES RECOMMENDED FOR PREPARATION FOR COLLEGE AND TO SET A MINIMUM GENERAL EDUCATION CORE WHICH MAY BE TRANSFERRED AMONG STATE INSTITUTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Title 6, Chapter 61, Subchapter 2 of the Arkansas Code of 1987 is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"6-61-217. (a) In order to promote a coordinated system of higher education in Arkansas and to assure an orderly and effective development of each of the publicly supported institutions of higher education, the board, after consultation with the State Board of Education, shall identify a minimum core of high school courses recommended for preparation for college.

(b) The board shall communicate this information at least annually to public school superintendents, who shall make copies available each year to public school students enrolled in grades seven through twelve.

(c) The board may revise the list of high school courses from time to time, as needed."

SECTION 2. Title 6, Chapter 61, Subchapter 2 of the Arkansas Code of 1987 is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"6-61-218. In order to promote a coordinated system of higher education in Arkansas and to assure an orderly and effective development of each of the publicly supported institutions of higher education, the board shall establish in consultation with the colleges and universities a minimum core of courses which shall apply toward the general education core curriculum requirements for baccalaureate degrees at state supported institutions of higher education and which shall be fully transferable between state institutions.

SECTION 3. (a) Beginning with the fall 1991 semester, each state supported institution of higher education shall implement an assessment program to evaluate student learning of general education core curriculum.

(b) The student outcomes assessment program developed by each institution shall be approved by the State Board of Higher Education prior to implementation.

SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

APPROVED: February 20, 1989

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