

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 82nd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1999  
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# A Bill

Act 1163 of 1999  
SENATE BILL 826

5 By: Senators D. Malone, Mahony  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 "AN ACT TO AMEND TO THE SCOPE OF THE JOINT OVERSIGHT  
11 COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION REFORM TO INCLUDE ALL AREAS OF  
12 EDUCATION; TO ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE EDUCATION  
13 COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE APPOINT MEMBERS  
14 TO THE JOINT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION REFORM AND  
15 HOUSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "  
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## Subtitle

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18 "AN ACT TO AMEND TO THE SCOPE OF THE  
19 JOINT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HIGHER  
20 EDUCATION REFORM TO INCLUDE ALL AREAS OF  
21 EDUCATION. "  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 10-3-1601 is amended to read as follows:

27 "10-3-1601. Creation - Members.

28 (a) To assist the General Assembly, there is established the Joint  
29 Interim Oversight Committee on ~~Higher~~ Education Reform to be composed of the  
30 following members:

31 (1) Seven (7) members of the Senate to be appointed by the  
32 ~~President Pro Tempore of the Senate~~ Chairman of the Senate Education  
33 Committee, in consultation with the ~~Chairman of the Senate Education Committee~~  
34 President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

35 (2) Seven (7) members of the House of Representatives to be  
36 appointed by the ~~Speaker of the House of Representatives~~ Chairman of the House

1 ~~Education Committee~~, in consultation with the ~~Chairman of the House Education~~  
2 ~~Committee Speaker of the House of Representatives~~.

3 (b) In making their appointments, the ~~President Pro Tempore of the~~  
4 ~~Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives~~ Chairman of the Senate  
5 Education Committee and Chairman of the House Education Committee shall seek  
6 to ensure that members who are knowledgeable about all types of ~~postsecondary~~  
7 educational ~~institutions~~ issues and who represent all geographic regions of  
8 the state shall serve on the committee.

9 (c) The committee shall be assisted by staff provided by the Bureau of  
10 Legislative Research.

11 (d) Members of the committee shall be entitled to receive per diem and  
12 expenses for their attendance at committee meetings at the same rate as  
13 members of the General Assembly receive for attendance of interim committees.

14 (e) The members appointed to the committee shall select a Senate  
15 cochairman and a House cochairman who shall serve for a two-year term during  
16 the interim."  
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18 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 10-3-1602 is amended to read as follows:

19 "10-3-1602. Duties.

20 The duties of the Joint Interim Oversight Committee on ~~Higher~~ Education Reform  
21 shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

22 (1) ~~Reviewing the Office of Accountability in the Department of~~  
23 ~~Higher Education~~ Reviewing policy issues regarding the creation and  
24 implementation of acceptability systems for the state system of education,  
25 including the review of any regulatory changes proposed by the appropriate  
26 agencies of the executive branch or any boards or commissions prior to their  
27 implementation;

28 (2) Reviewing policy issues affecting ~~postsecondary~~ educational  
29 reform on or before November 15 of the year preceding a regularly scheduled  
30 legislative session and making recommendations concerning any necessary  
31 legislative changes proposed by ~~the Department of Higher Education or the~~  
32 ~~State Board of Higher Education~~ school districts, cooperatives, institutions  
33 of higher education, the Department of Education, the State Board of  
34 Education, the Department of Workforce Education, the State Board of Workforce  
35 Education and Career Opportunities, the Department of Higher Education, the  
36 Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Governor's office, and

1 private institutions;

2 (3) Providing recommendations regarding use of state and federal  
3 funds ~~in postsecondary education;~~

4 (4) Reviewing and assuring coordination between the ~~Department of~~  
5 ~~Higher Education and the various institutions of higher education~~ school  
6 districts, cooperatives, institutions of higher education, the Department of  
7 Education, the State Board of Education, the Department of Workforce  
8 Education, the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities,  
9 the Department of Higher Education, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating  
10 Board, the Governor's office, and private institutions;

11 (5) Evaluating innovative education projects and promoting  
12 adoption of successful projects ~~to other institutions of higher education."~~

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

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

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

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28 APPROVED: 4/6/1999  
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