

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

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2 82nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1999
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A Bill

Act 1360 of 1999
HOUSE BILL 2099

5 By: Representatives C. Johnson, Pappas
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-63-104 PERTAINING TO
10 FACULTY PERFORMANCE REVIEW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

13 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-63-104
14 PERTAINING TO FACULTY PERFORMANCE
15 REVIEW."
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-63-104 is amended to read as follows:

21 "6-63-104. Faculty performance review.

22 (a) The president and chancellor of each state-supported institution of
23 higher education in Arkansas shall work with the campus faculties to develop a
24 framework to review faculty performance, including post tenure review. The
25 framework should be used to develop processes and procedures at each
26 institution to ensure a consistently high level of performance of the faculty
27 at Arkansas' publicly supported institutions of higher education. The effects
28 of the review process of faculty performance should include rewarding
29 productive faculty, redirecting faculty efforts to improve or to increase
30 productivity, and to correct instances of substandard performance. The
31 framework developed by each institution shall be reported to the House and
32 Senate Interim Committees on Education, the Joint Interim Oversight Committee
33 on Higher Education Reform, and the State Department of Higher Education no
34 later than December 1, 1998, and shall be implemented on the respective
35 campuses no later than January 1, 2001.

36 (b) Pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, each state-supported

1 institution of higher education in Arkansas shall conduct a rigorous,
2 consistently applied, annual review of the performance of all full-time
3 faculty members. This review shall include assessments by peers, students, and
4 administrators and shall be utilized to ensure a consistently high level of
5 performance and serve in conjunction with other appropriate information as a
6 basis for decisions on promotion, salary increases, and job tenure. The
7 evaluation by students and administrative staff, shall be applicable to all
8 teaching faculty, full-time, part-time and graduate teaching assistants and
9 shall include an assessment of the fluency in English of the faculty member or
10 graduate teaching assistant. This review shall not be used to demote a tenured
11 faculty member to a non-tenured status.

12 (c)(1) Each college and university shall continually make efforts to
13 identify any English fluency deficiencies of the teaching faculty and shall
14 take reasonable measures to assist deficient faculty members in becoming
15 proficient in English; however, the responsibility of acquiring the level of
16 English proficiency required for the faculty member's teaching, research, or
17 service assignments rests with the faculty member.

18 (2) Each college and university shall have a process for
19 addressing concerns raised by students concerning language proficiency
20 problems of faculty members.

21 (d) The Department of Higher Education shall be responsible for
22 monitoring the evaluation process and shall report its findings to the
23 Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Legislative Council by
24 August 1 of each year.

25 (e) Each state-supported institution of higher education shall require
26 full-time faculty members of the College of Education and related disciplines
27 to work collaboratively with the accredited public schools in this state, and
28 such faculty involvement shall be included as part of the annual review of the
29 faculty as required by subsection (b) of this section."

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

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35 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
36 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect

1 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
2 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
3 act are declared to be severable.

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

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9 APPROVED: 4/12/1999

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