

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.

Act 964 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2009

As Engrossed: S3/19/09

A Bill

SENATE BILL 885

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5 By: Senator J. Jeffress
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO CREATE AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE
10 AFFORDABILITY OF *HIGHER EDUCATION FOR*
11 *UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS* IN THIS STATE; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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14 **Subtitle**

15 *TO CREATE AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE*
16 *AFFORDABILITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR*
17 *UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS IN THIS STATE.*
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 *WHEREAS, in recent years, due to the rising costs of higher education,*
24 *state-supported colleges anniversities in Arkansas have increased*
25 *undergraduate tuition rates and fees by an average that is greater than the*
26 *rate of inflation; and*

27 *WHEREAS, higher education's growing reliance on funding budgets from*
28 *tuition is causing an increasingly disproportionate financial burden on*
29 *students and their families; and*

30 *WHEREAS, a study is needed to identify the factors influencing the*
31 *affordability of higher education in this state and to seek ways to address*
32 *the rising cost of tuition, fees, and other student costs,*
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34 *NOW THEREFORE*

35 *BE IT PROPOSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH*



1 *GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:*

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THAT the Senate Committee on Education study issues relating to the affordability of an undergraduate education in this state, including without limitation the:

(1) Tuition-setting policies of state-supported two-year and four-year colleges and universities;

(2) Resident and nonresident tuition, all student fees, student room and board costs, and other student costs for undergraduate students attending a state-supported two-year or four-year college or university;

(3) Reasons for rising tuition rates, student fees, cost of textbooks, and other student costs;

(4) State's share of funding higher education costs; and

(5) Methods for addressing rising higher education costs.

/s/ J. Jeffress

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