Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 971 of the Regular Session

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: 54/2/13		
2	89th General Assembly	A Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2013		HOUSE BILL 1297	
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5	By: Representative Gillam			
6	By: Senator Rapert			
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled		
9	AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING A			
10	HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITING AGENCY IN ARKANSAS; AND			
11	FOR OTHER	PURPOSES.		
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14	Subtitle			
15	ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR			
16	ESTABLISHING A HIGHER EDUCATION			
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE G	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKA	NSAS:	
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22	SECTION 1. Arka	ansas Code § 6-61-136 is amended to r	ead as follows:	
23	6-61-136. Establ	lishment of an accrediting agency.		
24	<u>(a)</u> An <u>Except a</u>	as provided in subsection (b) of this	section, an	
25	individual shall not e	establish or operate an accrediting a	gency <u>for</u>	
26	institutions of higher	<u>r education</u> in this state without rec	ognition by the	
27	United States Departme	ent of Education.		
28	<u>(b) This section</u>	on does not apply to an accrediting a	gency that:	
29	<u>(1) Accre</u>	edits only schools operated solely to	provide programs	
30	of study that prepare	students for religious vocations as	ministers,	
31	professionals, or laypersons in the categories of ministry, counseling,			
32	theology, education administration, music, fine arts, or media			
33	communications;			
34	<u>(2) Accre</u>	(2) Accredits only institutions whose names include a religious		
35	modifier or the name of a religious patriarch, saint, religious person, or			
36	symbol of the church;			



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2 religious modifier that: 3 (A) Immediately precedes or is included within any of the 4 following degrees: 5 (i) Associate of Arts; 6 (ii) Associate of Science; 7 (iii) Bachelor of Arts; 8 (iv) Bachelor of Science; 9 (v) Master of Arts; 10 (vi) Doctor of Philosophy; or 12 (viii) Doctor of Education; and 13 (B) Is placed on the title line of the degree, on the 14 transcript, and whenever the title of the degree appears in official school 15 documents or publications; and 16 (4) Does not accredit any institution that receives federal 17 funding. 18 I. An institution accredited under subsection (b) of this section 19 shall: 20 (1) Notify students in writing that courses completed and a 21 degree obtained at the institution are not transferable to an institution of 23 <i>Education: and</i> 24 (2)(A) Obtain the student's signature acknowledging that the 25 signed by the student as part of the student's record. 26 /s/G	1	(3) Accredits only institutions whose degree titles include a	
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