

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.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1589

5 By: Representatives J. Roebuck, Cole, Abernathy, Nickels, Carnine, Clemmer, Hopper, M. Burris, D.
6 Hutchinson, T. Rogers, G. Smith
7 By: Senators G. Baker, Madison
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For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO CREATE THE COMPREHENSIVE ARKANSAS
12 HIGHER EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT; TO CONSOLIDATE
13 ALL CURRENT LEGISLATIVELY REQUIRED REPORTS
14 PERTAINING TO HIGHER EDUCATION SUBMITTED BY THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, COLLEGES AND
16 UNIVERSITIES, AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND
17 ALL OTHERS, INTO ONE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE REPORT;
18 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

21 AN ACT TO CREATE THE COMPREHENSIVE
22 ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, is amended to add an
29 additional subchapter to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER 7 - COMPREHENSIVE ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT ACT

6-60-701. Title.

33 This subchapter shall be known as the "Comprehensive Arkansas Higher
34 Education Annual Report Act".
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6-60-702. Purpose.

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1 The Comprehensive Arkansas Higher Education Annual Report shall:

2 (1) Serve as a central tool for the General Assembly and others
3 to evaluate all facets of the Arkansas higher education system; and

4 (2) Combine all higher education reports currently required by
5 the General Assembly to be submitted separately into one (1) report.

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7 6-60-703. Report.

8 (a)(1) The Comprehensive Arkansas Higher Education Annual Report shall
9 be submitted by the Department of Higher Education to the House Education
10 Committee and Senate Education Committee, the President Pro Tempore of the
11 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Governor no later
12 than December 1, 2009, and each year thereafter.

13 (2) The comprehensive Arkansas Higher Education Annual Report
14 shall be posted on the department website for public inspection no later than
15 December 8, 2009, and each year thereafter.

16 (b)(1) The Comprehensive Arkansas Higher Education Annual Report shall
17 consist of all higher education reports currently required by the General
18 Assembly, including without limitation reports pertaining to:

19 (A) Scholarship programs including without limitation the
20 Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program and the report required by
21 Acts 2001, No. 1520;

22 (B) Remediation rates, §§ 6-15-2401 and 6-61-221, updated
23 each even numbered year;

24 (C) Voluntary ACT program, § 6-18-1608;

25 (D) Military students and families, § 6-61-112;

26 (E) Budget, § 6-61-209, updated each even numbered year;

27 (F) Retention Plans, Retention and graduation rates,
28 including minority retention, §§ 6-61-1311, 6-61-220, and 6-61-122;

29 (G) Reporting standards, § 6-61-222, updated each even
30 numbered year;

31 (H) Athletic expenditures, § 6-62-106;

32 (I) Faculty performance review, § 6-63-104;

33 (J) Coordination of state educational efforts, § 6-1-304;

34 (K) Student enrollment, § 6-60-209;

35 (L) Economic development goals and educational efforts, §
36 6-61-207; and

1 (M) Affirmative action programs, § 6-63-103.

2 (2) All deadlines for higher education reports currently
3 required by the General Assembly are superseded by subsection (a) of this
4 section unless otherwise specified in this subchapter.

5 (3) All financial reports provided to the Higher Education
6 Coordinating Board shall be included in the report, including The Higher
7 Education Financial Conditions Report.

8 (c) All future higher education reports required by the General
9 Assembly shall:

10 (1) Be submitted as part of the Comprehensive Arkansas Higher
11 Education Annual Report; and

12 (2) Include a fiscal impact on administrative costs to the
13 Department of Higher Education.

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15 6-60-704. Information submitted to the Department of Higher Education
16 for inclusion in the report.

17 (a) All higher education reports submitted to the General Assembly or
18 other governmental bodies by individual colleges and universities, agencies,
19 boards or commissions shall be submitted directly to the Department of Higher
20 Education no later than October 1, 2009 and each year thereafter, for
21 inclusion in the Comprehensive Arkansas Higher Education Annual Report.

22 (b) If an institution of higher education fails to submit the required
23 reports to the Department of Higher Education by October 15 the institutions
24 shall appear before the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee
25 on Education to explain why they failed to meet the submission deadline.

26 (c) Financial information provided by an institution of higher
27 education is subject to review by Legislative Audit and any adjustments made
28 to previously submitted financial information during the course of a
29 financial audit to previously submitted information may be revised based upon
30 recommendations made by Legislative Audit.

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32 6-60-705. Limitation.

33 (a) This subchapter does not limit the authority of the General
34 Assembly to request additional interim reports and supplemental information
35 from the Department of Higher Education, colleges and universities, or other
36 entities, as needed.

