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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING ADMISSION STANDARDS FOR STATE-
10 SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-60-208 is amended to read as follows:
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24 6-60-208. Requirements.

25 ~~(a)(1) Beginning with the 2002-2003 academic year, any~~ A public school
26 student who graduates from a public high school after May 1, 2002, must have
27 successfully completed the core curriculum recommended by the Arkansas Higher
28 Education Coordinating Board after consultation with the State Board of
29 Education and ~~pursuant to~~ under § 6-61-217 with a minimum cumulative grade
30 point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in order to be eligible for unconditional
31 admission as an undergraduate to a ~~public~~ state-supported four-year
32 institution of higher education.

33 ~~(2) Nothing in this subsection (a) shall prevent a student from~~
34 ~~enrolling for the purpose of obtaining a degree or a certificate offered by a~~
35 ~~public four-year institution.~~

36 (b)(1) Subject to subsection (c) of this section ~~and beginning with~~



1 ~~the 2002-2003 academic year,~~ any public school student who graduates from a
2 public high school after May 1, 2002, must have successfully completed the
3 core curriculum recommended by the ~~coordinating board~~ Arkansas Higher
4 Education Coordinating Board after consultation with the ~~state board~~ State
5 Board of Education and ~~pursuant to~~ under § 6-61-217 in order to be eligible
6 for unconditional admission to a ~~public~~ state-supported two-year institution
7 of higher education.

8 ~~(2) Nothing in this subsection (b) shall prevent a student from~~
9 ~~enrolling for the purpose of obtaining a degree or a certificate offered by a~~
10 ~~public two-year institution.~~

11 (c)(1)(A) The colleges and universities shall develop standards for
12 collegiate admissions based on the mission of each institution and establish
13 a conditional collegiate admissions process for each institution, subject to
14 the recommendations of the ~~coordinating board~~ Arkansas Higher Education
15 Coordinating Board.

16 (B) The colleges and universities ~~are hereby directed to~~
17 shall establish standards for conditional admission for public school
18 students who have not completed the core curriculum, subject to the
19 recommendations of the ~~coordinating board~~ Arkansas Higher Education
20 Coordinating Board. At a minimum, these conditional admissions standards
21 shall require the following:

22 (i) For a public school student seeking an associate
23 of arts degree or a baccalaureate degree who failed to successfully complete
24 the core curriculum, completion of twelve (12) hours of core academic courses
25 and any necessary remedial courses with a cumulative grade point average of
26 2.0 on a 4.0 scale; or

27 (ii) For a public school student seeking a diploma,
28 a technical certificate, or an associate of applied science degree who failed
29 to successfully complete the core curriculum, completion of six (6) hours of
30 core academic courses, six (6) hours of technical courses required for the
31 diploma, technical certificate, or associate of applied science degree, and
32 any necessary remedial courses with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0
33 on a 4.0 scale.

34 (2)(A) Conditional admissions standards ~~should~~ shall
35 ~~appropriately~~ reflect the mission of each institution and shall be
36 implemented by the institutions as a condition ~~of~~ for receiving state funds.

1 (B) If the ~~coordinating board~~ Arkansas Higher Education
2 Coordinating Board does not approve the conditional collegiate admissions
3 standards and process for an institution, ~~no~~ state funds shall not be used to
4 subsidize or pay for any portion of the cost associated with the conditional
5 students.

6 (3) The admissions criteria set forth in this section shall not
7 apply to those individuals who graduate from a public high school prior to
8 May 1, 2002.

9 (d)(1) ~~Beginning with the 1997-1998 academic year, conditional~~
10 Conditional admissions standards for nontraditional students shall be based
11 on the student's score on the American College Test composite or its
12 equivalent as defined by the Department of Higher Education, which shall
13 issue guidelines to assist two-year and four-year institutions of higher
14 education in developing conditional admissions standards.

15 (2) As used in this subsection (d), "nontraditional students"
16 shall include those who are home-schooled or who attended private or
17 parochial secondary schools.

18 (e) ~~Nothing in this section shall prevent an institution of higher~~
19 ~~education from setting higher admissions standards for enrolling freshmen~~
20 Beginning with the 2012-2013 academic year, a student who scores below
21 fifteen (15) on an ACT or below a comparable score on a comparable exam may
22 be reassessed to determine the student's ability to benefit using one (1) of
23 the federally approved ability to benefit assessments.

24 (f)(1) ~~Nothing in this section shall prevent a student from enrolling~~
25 ~~for the purpose of obtaining a degree or a certificate offered by a public~~
26 ~~two-year or four-year institution of higher education~~ Beginning with the
27 2012-2013 academic year, a student who scores below the acceptable federally
28 determined ability-to-benefit assessment score, but has a high school diploma
29 or GED, may only be enrolled by a two-year or four-year institution of higher
30 education in a specific program approved by the Arkansas Higher Education
31 Coordinating Board, in collaboration with the institutions of higher
32 education until the student can demonstrate academic proficiency that would
33 predict success in a degree program.

34 (2) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
35 provide approved assessment tools and acceptable scores through Arkansas
36 Higher Education Coordinating Board policy.

