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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT CONCERNING ADMISSION STANDARDS FOR STATE-

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SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND FOR

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OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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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.

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

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

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

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

1 (g) This section does not prevent an institution of higher education  
2 from setting higher admissions standards for enrolling freshmen.

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4 /s/J. Roebuck  
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