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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 619

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION  
10 COORDINATING BOARD; TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP  
11 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION  
12 COORDINATING BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR  
16 THE ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION  
17 COORDINATING BOARD.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-61-201 is amended to read as follows:  
24 6-61-201. Members – Meetings.

25 (a)(1) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall consist  
26 of twelve (12) members appointed by the Governor as follows:

27 ~~(A) Three (3) members shall be selected from the current~~  
28 ~~or recent membership of the boards of public two-year colleges. If the person~~  
29 ~~selected is serving on the membership of the board of a public two-year~~  
30 ~~campus, the person shall relinquish his or her membership on the board;~~

31 ~~(B) Three (3) members shall be selected from the current~~  
32 ~~or recent membership of the boards of public four-year colleges or university~~  
33 ~~campuses. If the person selected is serving on the membership of the board of~~  
34 ~~a public four-year campus, the person shall relinquish his or her membership~~  
35 ~~on the board; and~~

36 (A)(i) Six (6) members who shall be:



1 (a) Qualified electors of the State of  
 2 Arkansas; and

3 (b) Graduates of public two-year or four-year  
 4 institutions of higher education within the state.

5 (ii) If an appointee under this subdivision  
 6 (a)(1)(A) is serving as a member of a board of a two-year or four-year  
 7 institution of higher education at the time of appointment to the Arkansas  
 8 Higher Education Coordinating Board, the appointee shall relinquish his or  
 9 her membership on the board of the two-year or four-year institution of  
 10 higher education; and

11 ~~(C)-(i)-(B)(i)~~ Six (6) members shall be selected from  
 12 business, industry, education, agriculturally related industry, and medical  
 13 services and shall not be current members of a board of a public two-year or  
 14 four-year ~~campus~~ institution of higher education.

15 (ii) At least one (1) of the appointees shall have a  
 16 strong interest in and commitment to economic and workforce development.

17 (iii) At least one (1) of the appointees shall have  
 18 experience in the knowledge-based technology field.

19 (2) No more than four (4) members of the ~~board~~ Arkansas Higher  
 20 Education Coordinating Board shall be appointed from any one (1)  
 21 congressional district as the districts exist at the time of the appointment.

22 ~~(3) No more than two (2) members of the board at any one (1)~~  
 23 ~~time shall be graduates of an undergraduate program of any one (1) state~~  
 24 ~~university or college.~~

25 ~~(b)(1) After the appointment of the initial board, the members to be~~  
 26 ~~appointed from recent or current boards of two-year and four-year campuses~~  
 27 ~~shall be appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate.~~

28 ~~(2) The Governor shall consult the Presidents Council before~~  
 29 ~~making an appointment under this section.~~

30 ~~(e)(b)~~ Vacancies on the ~~board~~ Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating  
 31 Board shall be filled for the unexpired terms, and the appointments shall be  
 32 made in the same manner as the positions vacated.

33 ~~(d)(1)(c)(1)~~ The members of the ~~board~~ Arkansas Higher Education  
 34 Coordinating Board shall serve staggered terms of six (6) years.

35 (2) The terms of two (2) members shall expire each year.

36 ~~(3) The members may serve no more than two (2) terms.~~

1       ~~(e)~~(d) An intensive orientation program designed by the ~~council~~  
2 Presidents Council shall be mandatory for ~~board~~ members of the Arkansas  
3 Higher Education Coordinating Board.

4       ~~(f)~~(e) The ~~board~~ Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board annually  
5 shall elect from its membership ~~a chair~~ the Chair of the Arkansas Higher  
6 Education Coordinating Board and other officers necessary to carry on its  
7 business.

8       ~~(g)~~(1)(f)(1) The ~~board~~ Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
9 shall meet at least one (1) time during each calendar quarter and at other  
10 times upon the call of the chair or of any other four (4) members.

11               (2) The board shall, at the times that it desires, meet on the  
12 campuses of the respective public institutions of higher ~~learning~~ education  
13 in the state.

14       ~~(h)~~(g) Members of the ~~board~~ Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating  
15 Board shall serve without compensation but may receive expense reimbursement  
16 in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.

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