

AGENDA
**Task Force on Higher Education Remediation,
Retention & Graduation Rates, Higher Education
Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council
Meeting Jointly**

Monday, October 08, 2007

9:00 AM

**Association of Arkansas Counties Building
Little Rock, Arkansas**

Legislative Members

Sen. Gilbert Baker, Chair
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Mr. David Ray
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- A. Call to Order by Rep. Johnnie Roebuck, Chair- **[9:00 a.m.]**
- B. Welcome Comments: Rep. Johnnie Roebuck
Sen. Gilbert Baker
Rep. Bill Abernathy
- C. Topic: "State Approaches to Increasing Postsecondary Completion Rates" **[9:30]**
- a) Dr. Dave Spence, President, Southern Regional Education Board (SREB)
 - b) Questions & Answers **[10:15]**
- D. Topic: "State Perspective: Arkansas's Needs for Economic Growth and Competitiveness" **[10:45]**
- a) Dr. John Ahlen, President, Arkansas Science and Technology Authority (ASTA)
 - b) Questions & Answers **[11:15]**

Lunch - 12:00 - 1:30

- E. Topic: "Why Higher Ed and Why Now" **[1:30]**
Dr. Julie Bell, Education Program Director, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

Topic: "A Framework for Higher Ed Reform"

Dr. Dennis Jones, President, National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS)

Break - 2:45 - 3:00

F. Questions & Answers [**3:00**]

G. Adjourn [**4:30**]