

**Hall of the House of Representatives**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1896**

TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS, INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND REMEDIATION.

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1896**

Amend House Bill No. 1896 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2009(f), concerning public school assessments and remediation, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(11) The state board, in consultation with the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, may promulgate rules to implement remedial course requirements and cost allocations under § 6-61-110, including without limitation:

(A) Procedures and criteria for public school or school district certification of a student's completion of an individualized academic improvement plan required under this section; and

(B) Procedures and deadlines for public school or school district payments for the cost of remediation allocated to the public school or school district.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(C)(i)(b), concerning school funding, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(17) Costs of postsecondary remedial courses allocated to a school district or open-enrollment public charter school under § 6-61-110.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-61-110 is amended to read as follows:  
6-61-110. Testing of entering freshmen for remedial courses.

(a)(1) A first-time entering freshman at a state-supported institution of higher education who is admitted to enroll in an associate or a bachelor's degree program shall be tested by the admitting institution for purposes of placement in either college-level credit courses in English language arts and mathematics or remedial courses in English ~~composition, reading,~~ language arts and mathematics.

(2) A first-time entering freshman who graduated from an Arkansas public school in the same year he or she enrolls in a state-supported institution of higher education and who scored at or above the



requisite scale score on the appropriate college and career readiness measurement administered by an Arkansas public school under § 6-15-433 shall be placed in a college-level credit course in English language arts or mathematics without additional testing unless the state-supported institution of higher education requires a greater score for college course placement.

(b) Remedial courses shall not provide credit toward a degree.

(c)(1) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall determine the:

(A) Test or other criteria to be used;

(B) Testing procedures and exemptions;

(C) Minimum scores or criteria below which students at all state-supported institutions of higher education must take remedial courses; and

(D) Minimum scores or criteria to allow simultaneous enrollment in college-level credit and remedial courses; and

(E) Minimum scores or criteria to allow enrollment in college-level credit courses with concurrent tutoring or participation in an innovative remedial course alternative approved by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board under subsection (d) of this section.

(2) The ~~board~~ Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall base these decisions on:

(A) Consultation with representatives of the state-supported institutions of higher education;

(B) Analysis of the placement procedures presently used by state-supported institutions of higher education in the state;

(C) Statewide placement testing programs in other states; and

(D) Pilot projects involving testing of entering freshmen at selected state-supported institutions of higher education in the state.

(3) The ~~board~~ Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in collaboration with state-supported institutions of higher education, shall ~~develop~~ approve by institution ~~uniform~~ measurable exit standards for remedial courses ~~that are comparable to the ACT or SAT equivalent required for college-level enrollment in credit courses to be implemented no later than the fall semester of 2010.~~

(d)(1) The ~~board~~ Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall work with state-supported institutions of higher education to:

(A) ~~Develop~~ Approve strategies for innovative alternatives to traditional instruction and delivery methods for remedial courses; and

(B) Provide professional development opportunities to help remedial education faculty gain knowledge in best practices and trends in the instruction and delivery of remedial education.

(2) The ~~board~~ Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall report periodically to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education ~~by February 1, 2010,~~ on the progress made in addressing the requirements in subdivision (d)(1) of this section.

(e)(1) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in collaboration with the State Board of Education and state-supported institutions of higher education, shall develop a system to determine which entity is required to pay the cost of remedial courses and other forms of remediation that are required for students that graduate from an Arkansas public school after January 1, 2016.

(2) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board may adopt rules to implement subdivision (e)(1) of this section, including without limitation rules to:

(A) Allocate the cost of remediation between designated entities and individuals;

(B) Define criteria, procedures, and percentages for cost allocation and payment;

(C) Establish criteria to determine student eligibility for cost allocation; and

(D) Specify the cost to be allocated, which may include without limitation:

(i) Tuition;

(ii) Fees;

(iii) Books; and

(iv) Incidental expenses.

(3) The rules adopted by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in collaboration with the State Board of Education, may provide that a portion of the cost of remediation may be allocated to a public school district or open-enrollment public charter school.

(4) A public school or school district may use national school lunch state categorical funding provided under § 6-20-2305 to pay its share of the cost of remediation allocated under this section."

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_

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