

Fiscal Impact Statement

DATE: 3/7/2025

BILL: HB1696

SPONSOR: Rep. McAlindon; Sen. J. Dotson

SUBTITLE: TO ESTABLISH THE STRENGTHENING ARKANSAS EDUCATION ACT; AND TO PROVIDE A CORE CURRICULUM AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

TOPIC - Higher Education

AFFECTED FUNDS – N/A

REVENUE IMPACT - \$0

ASSUMPTIONS - BASED ON: This act would establish a core curriculum within state-supported institutions that a student must complete in order to receive a bachelor's degree. This act establishes what each course of that curriculum would consist of. There would be no direct fiscal impact for implementing this requirement, however campuses would have to restructure how their current degree plans are offered to ensure they all meet this new requirement.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS –