

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

Act 964 of the Regular Session

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2009-180

State of Arkansas

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SENATE BILL 885

By: Senator J. Jeffress

Filed with: Senate Interim Committee on Education
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

Re-referred to: Higher Education Subcommittee of the
Legislative Council on 08-21-09.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE
AFFORDABILITY OF *HIGHER EDUCATION FOR
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS* IN THIS STATE; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

*TO CREATE AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE
AFFORDABILITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS IN THIS STATE.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

WHEREAS, in recent years, due to the rising costs of higher education, state-supported colleges and universities in Arkansas have increased undergraduate tuition rates and fees by an average that is greater than the rate of inflation; and

WHEREAS, higher education's growing reliance on funding budgets from tuition is causing an increasingly disproportionate financial burden on students and their families; and



1 *WHEREAS, a study is needed to identify the factors influencing the*
2 *affordability of higher education in this state and to seek ways to address*
3 *the rising cost of tuition, fees, and other student costs,*
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5 *NOW THEREFORE*

6 *BE IT PROPOSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH*
7 *GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:*
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9 *THAT the Senate Committee on Education study issues relating to the*
10 *affordability of an undergraduate education in this state, including without*
11 *limitation the:*

12 (1) *Tuition-setting policies of state-supported two-year and*
13 *four-year colleges and universities;*

14 (2) *Resident and nonresident tuition, all student fees, student*
15 *room and board costs, and other student costs for undergraduate students*
16 *attending a state-supported two-year or four-year college or university;*

17 (3) *Reasons for rising tuition rates, student fees, cost of*
18 *textbooks, and other student costs;*

19 (4) *State's share of funding higher education costs; and*

20 (5) *Methods for addressing rising higher education costs.*
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22 */s/ J. Jeffress*
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