

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2009-190

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS
4 SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION
5 OF ACT 971 OF 2009.

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7 WHEREAS, Act 971 of 2009 requires the Arkansas Higher Education
8 Coordinating Board, in collaboration with state-supported institutions of
9 higher education, to develop by institution uniform measurable exit standards
10 for remedial courses that are comparable to the ACT or SAT equivalent
11 required for college-level enrollment in credit courses; and

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13 WHEREAS, the uniform measurable exit standards are to be implemented no
14 later than the fall semester of 2010; and

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16 WHEREAS, since the passage of Act 971 there has been confusion on the
17 "collaboration" envisioned by Act 971; and

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19 WHEREAS, there has likewise been confusion over whether the revisions
20 envisioned by Act 971 must be implemented by administrative rule; and

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22 WHEREAS, verifying the legislative intent behind Act 971 and clarifying
23 the means of implementing the act are critical factors in the development of
24 the uniform measurable exit standards,

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26 NOW THEREFORE,
27 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL
28 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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30 THAT the Administrative Rules And Regulations Subcommittee of the
31 Arkansas Legislative Council study the implementation of Act 971 of 2009,
32 including without limitation a review of whether the uniform measurable exit
33 standards should be implemented by administrative rule and an analysis of the
34 legislative intent behind requiring collaboration between the Arkansas Higher
35 Education Coordinating Board and state-supported institutions of higher
36 education.

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BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED that the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Director of the Department of Higher Education are requested to postpone the implementation of Act 971 until the confusion surrounding the intent of Act 971 of 2009 is resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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