

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-082

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1970

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6 By: Representative Lowery

7 Filed with: House Committee on Education  
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS  
11 CODE CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY REMEDIATION; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.

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15 **Subtitle**

16 TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE  
17 ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY  
18 REMEDIATION.

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

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23 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-62-107 is amended to read as follows:*  
24 *6-62-107. Reduction of state funds expended on remediation.*

25 *(a) As a condition for receiving state funds, ~~all public two-year and~~*  
26 *~~four-year institutions~~ a state-supported institution of higher education*  
27 *shall report the following information by October 1 of each year to the*  
28 *Department of Higher Education in a format ~~developed~~ determined by the*  
29 *department ~~in consultation with the institutions~~:*

30 *(1) The total direct and indirect costs of remediation for the*  
31 *previous academic year; and*

32 *(2) All sources of revenue, by amount and source, used to fund*  
33 *direct and indirect costs of all remedial courses and programs, including*  
34 *the:*

35 *(A) Amount of institutional revenue;*

36 *(B) Total general revenue subsidy;*

(C) Total institutional expenditure; and

(D) General revenue percentage of total expenditures.

(b) The department shall develop a system the methodology that shall be used by each state-supported institution of higher education to calculate the total amount of state funds spent each academic year on remediation of first-time entering freshmen students.

(c)(1) The amount spent on remediation at public a four-year educational institutions state-supported institution of higher education shall not exceed the amount spent as of the 1996-1997 school academic year.

(2) A four-year state-supported institution of higher education shall reduce the amount spent on remediation by a minimum of ten percent (10%) per academic year until the total amount spent on remediation at the four-year state-supported institution of higher education reaches fifty percent (50%) of the amount spent on remediation in the 2010-2011 academic year.

(3)(A) Before the 2018-2019 academic year, a four-year state-supported institution of higher education that reduces the total amount spent on remediation by a minimum of ten percent (10%) in an academic year may keep the total amount saved on remediation, up to fifty percent (50%) of the amount spent on remediation in the 2010-2011 academic year, and use the funds for other educational purposes.

(B) A four-year state-supported institution of higher education that fails to reduce the total amount spent on remediation by a minimum of fifty percent (50%) by the 2018-2019 academic year shall be funded under § 6-61-229.

/s/Lowery

Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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