

**REPORT OF THE
HIGHER EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

June 21, 2019

Senator Bledsoe and Representative Wardlaw, Co-Chairs:

The Higher Education Subcommittee met Thursday, June 20, 2019, at 2:30 p.m. in Room B of the MAC Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. The Subcommittee heard testimony regarding the following items:

- An overview of the Department of Higher Education provided by Ms. Ann Clemmer, Senior Associate Director for Academic Affairs and Mr. Nick Fuller, Deputy Director. It was noted the higher education institutions receive \$900 million annually in state dollars.
- An overview of Arkansas Community Colleges was presented by Ms. Collin Callaway, Chief Operations Officer. She noted the colleges serve 65,000 students annually and of that number, 31% are racial and ethnic minorities. 57% of the student population are part-time.
- Topics of Discussion for future meetings were also presented. The co-chairs stressed that this is an ongoing request. Topics suggested included the legislature being involved in driving a statewide plan; reducing the paperwork involved in college scholarship applications; how higher education is connected to the economic growth in the state's upward mobility; and higher education funding—hearing from experts and speakers to get an idea of what other states are doing.

Respectfully Submitted.

Senator Breanne Davis, Co-Chair

Representative David Whitaker, Co-Chair