

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

August 21, 2015

Senator Sample and Representative Branscum:

The Higher Education Subcommittee met Tuesday, August 18, 2015, in Committee Room B of the MAC Building in Little Rock. The Subcommittee considered the following items:

1. Interim Study Proposal 2015-139 by Representative Greg Leding - Requesting that the Arkansas Legislative Council and the Higher Education Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council Conduct a Study of Student Debt from Higher Education, Including the Amount of Student Debt, the Impact of Student Debt on Graduates, and Possible Solutions to Reducing the Student Debt Burden

Pursuant to the motion of Senator Jimmy Hickey, the Higher Education Subcommittee adopted Interim Study Proposal 2015-139 for study, with a targeted completion date of December 31, 2016. The motion was seconded by Senator Joyce Elliott. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

2. Student loan debt in Arkansas, with presentations from **Dr. Brett Powell**, Director, Arkansas Department of Higher Education, and **Mr. Tony Williams**, Executive Director, Arkansas Student Loan Authority; and
3. Annual Faculty Performance Report prepared by Arkansas Department of Higher Education, with remarks by **Dr. Brett Powell**, Director, Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Jason Rapert, Co-Chair

Representative Greg Leding, Co-Chair