REPORT OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

December 16, 2016

Senator Sample and Representative Branscum, Co-Chairs:

The Higher Education Subcommittee met on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, in Room B, MAC Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. The Subcommittee heard testimony regarding the following items:

- 1. Update on the Higher Education Funding Formula, with testimony from Dr. Maria Markham, Director, Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE)
- Discussion of Campus Security Safety Plans and Programs on Institutions of Higher Education, with testimony from Dr. Maria Markham, Director, ADHE; Mr. Steve McClellan, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR); and Ms. Regina Wade-Carter, Chief, UALR Department of Public Safety.
- 3. Update on Interim Study Proposal 2015-146 by Representative Greg Leding, "Requesting Legislative Council refer to the Higher Education Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council a request to conduct a study of sexual assault awareness, prevention, and response on the four- year college and university campuses in Arkansas."
- 4. Update of 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."
- 5. Requests for information made by Subcommittee members:
 - a. Information regarding written procedures and policies for international travel by officials of the state's public institutions of Higher Education. Including:
 - Source(s) of payment/funding
 - Differentiation between work-related travel and other types of travel
 - b. Breakdown by gender and ethnicity of each institution's Lottery scholarship recipients from 2010 through 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Jason Rapert, Co-Chair

Representative Greg Leding, Co-Chair