

**Report of the Higher Education Subcommittee
of the
Arkansas Legislative Council**

August 21, 2009

Mr. Chairmen:

Your Higher Education Subcommittee met on August 20, 2009, and reports the discussion and consideration of the following presentations and items by the noted speakers:

- A. Mrs. Tara Smith, Coordinator for Financial Aid, Dept. of Higher Education, Update on proceedings of Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Advisory Council
- B. Dr. Jim Purcell, Director, Dept. of Higher Education, update on various items and issues:
 - 1. Amounts and Method of Distribution to Institutions of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds
 - 2. Institutions' Remediation Cut Scores and Scholarships
 - 3. Report of Department of Higher Education's Recommendations for implementation of Changes to the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program
- C. Representative Johnnie Roebuck, Update on the Recommendations of the Task Force on Higher Education Remediation, Retention and Graduation Rates

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Gilbert Baker, Co-Chair

Representative Johnnie Roebuck, Co-Chair