

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

December 17, 2010

Mr. Chairmen:

The Higher Education Subcommittee met on November 23rd, jointly with the House K-12 Vocational/Technical Institutions Subcommittee of the Education Committee, and December 16th, 2010, jointly with the House and Senate Education Committees, and reports the discussion and consideration of the following items and presentations by the noted speakers:

November 23rd at Black River Technical College in Pocahontas

- A. Discussion of the Collaborative Relationship between Regional Two-Year Institutions of Higher Education and Local School Districts

December 16th

- B. Overview of Complete College America and Arkansas's Participation – Mr. Ames McGuinness, Senior Associate, National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS), Mr. Dennis Jones, President, NCHEMS, and Mr. Stan Jones, President, Complete College America (CCA)
- C. Dr. Jim Purcell, Director, Department of Higher Education, The Worth of Degree Programs Across the State
- D. Dr. Jim Purcell, Director, Department of Higher Education, Statewide and Institutions' College Default Rate, Possible Federal Consequences of Default Increases, and Total Loans by Institution
- E. Dr. Karen Wheeler, Associate Director, Department of Higher Education, The Lumina Foundation Report, "A Stronger Nation Through Higher Education", and Arkansas's Progress
- F. Dr. Jim Purcell, Director, Department of Higher Education, Amounts Credited Due to the State Scholarship Stacking Policy
- G. Area Health Education Centers, Annual Report, as required by Act 287 of 2010, Section 28

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Gilbert Baker, Co-Chair

Representative Johnnie Roebuck, Co-Chair