

STATE OF ARKANSAS



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August 15, 2012

The Honorable Johnnie J. Roebuck
Arkansas House of Representatives
Post Office Box 533
Arkadelphia, AR 71923

Dear Representative Roebuck:

Please find attached hereto Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division's response to questions you posed via an email from Sarah Ganahl dated July 26, 2012 and an itemized listing of outstanding student balances at various state colleges and universities. Specifically, the attached document provides information concerning the division's transition program and the Student Loan Forgiveness benefit established in 2007.

At last month's meeting, the Committee instructed ARS to commence resolving all outstanding charges at various state higher educational institutions. You may recall we committed to completing the task within 30 days. Please note each itemization contains an invoice, ARS Purchase Authorization, Payment Approval, and other supporting documentation indicating our payment of the amount owed.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. We appreciate the opportunity to resolve the outstanding balances and have implemented new training measures to mitigate future occurrences. If you or your staff has any additional questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Walker, Jr.", written over a large, loopy flourish.

William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr.