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Jessica Whittaker, Administrator Administrative Rules Review Section Bureau of Legislative Research One Capitol Mall, 5th Floor Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Re: Act 595 Request (Act 69)

Dear Ms. Whittaker:

Based upon a review of newly enacted laws following the 2021 legislative session, the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE), Division of Higher Education (DHE), noted that Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-61-131 and 6-62-109, as amended by Act 69 of 2021, require the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board to adopt rules regarding student accounts receivable and financial solvency at state-supported institutions of higher education. DHE has determined the rules to be unnecessary for the operation of the newly amended laws and does not intend to adopt the required rules. In accordance with Act 595 of 2021, DHE respectfully requests that the rules referenced above be excluded from further reporting requirements and that this request be placed upon the next agenda of the ALC Administrative Rules & Regulations Subcommittee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (501) 682-4752 should you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully,

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