

Arkansas Department of Higher Education

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The Honorable Chris Richey, Chair The Honorable Jimmy Hickey, Chair Arkansas Lottery Legislative Oversight Committee State Capitol Building Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Hickey and Representative Richey:

In accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated 6-85-219(b) I am submitting for your review the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) recommendation's for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program.

I propose an evaluation and analysis of the eligibility requirements and student success outcomes to determine if there has been any improvement in the attainment of higher education goals and college affordability.

Should you require additional information, please let me know and we will be happy to provide.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Maria Markham, Ph.D.

Director