

## INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-082

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1970

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6 By: Representative Lowery

7 Filed with: House Committee on Education  
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

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10 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS  
11 CODE CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY REMEDIATION; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

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15 TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE  
16 ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY  
17 REMEDIATION.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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23 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-62-107 is amended to read as follows:*  
24 *6-62-107. Reduction of state funds expended on remediation.*

25 *(a) As a condition for receiving state funds, ~~all public two-year and~~*  
26 *~~four-year institutions~~ a state-supported institution of higher education*  
27 *shall report the following information by October 1 of each year to the*  
28 *Department of Higher Education in a format ~~developed~~ determined by the*  
29 *department ~~in consultation with the institutions~~:*

30 *(1) The total direct and indirect costs of remediation for the*  
31 *previous academic year; and*

32 *(2) All sources of revenue, by amount and source, used to fund*  
33 *direct and indirect costs of all remedial courses and programs, including*  
34 *the:*

35 *(A) Amount of institutional revenue;*

36 *(B) Total general revenue subsidy;*

1 (C) Total institutional expenditure; and

2 (D) General revenue percentage of total expenditures.

3 (b) The department shall develop a system the methodology that shall  
4 be used by each state-supported institution of higher education to calculate  
5 the total amount of state funds spent each academic year on remediation of  
6 first-time entering freshmen students.

7 (c)(1) The amount spent on remediation at public a four-year  
8 educational institutions state-supported institution of higher education  
9 shall not exceed the amount spent as of the 1996-1997 school academic year.

10 (2) A four-year state-supported institution of higher education  
11 shall reduce the amount spent on remediation by a minimum of ten percent  
12 (10%) per academic year until the total amount spent on remediation at the  
13 four-year state-supported institution of higher education reaches fifty  
14 percent (50%) of the amount spent on remediation in the 2010-2011 academic  
15 year.

16 (3)(A) Before the 2018-2019 academic year, a four-year state-  
17 supported institution of higher education that reduces the total amount spent  
18 on remediation by a minimum of ten percent (10%) in an academic year may keep  
19 the total amount saved on remediation, up to fifty percent (50%) of the  
20 amount spent on remediation in the 2010-2011 academic year, and use the funds  
21 for other educational purposes.

22 (B) A four-year state-supported institution of higher  
23 education that fails to reduce the total amount spent on remediation by a  
24 minimum of fifty percent (50%) by the 2018-2019 academic year shall be funded  
25 under § 6-61-229.

26 /s/Lowery

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29 Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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