

## Act 1222 of 2011 Progress Report

September 1, 2011

Senator Johnny Key, Chairman, Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee

Representative Mark Perry, Chairman, Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee

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December 1, 2011

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The agencies conducting the study have discussed sources of data, and possible participants in a study group. The Arkansas Research Center has agreed to provide data that links scholarship recipients to high school level data indicating financial need, gender, and race. The Department of Higher Education and the Bureau of Legislative Research will work together to compile higher education level data needed for the study. The Bureau will provide needed data derived from the Arkansas Lottery Commission monthly reports.

The Bureau of Legislative Research will schedule two public hearings. The Bureau will also contact possible study group participants that were identified by the Department of Higher Education and the appropriate agency personnel. A career coach from the Department of Career Education will also be included.

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## Act 1222 of 2011 Progress Report

March 1, 2012

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The Arkansas Research Center has completed initial data analysis that links scholarship applicants and recipients to high school level data indicating financial need, gender, race, county of residence, and learning disability. The data also indicates the reasons unsuccessful applicants did not qualify for scholarships. The Department of Higher Education and the Bureau of Legislative Research will work together to review that product and complete the remaining steps to finalize the data results before March 20, 2012.

The Bureau of Legislative Research will schedule two public hearings. A list of barriers students experience when applying for scholarships will be developed through input at the public hearings. The Bureau will contact possible study group participants identified by the Department of Higher Education and the appropriate agency personnel. A career coach from the Department of Career Education will also be included.

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