

State of Arkansas

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HOUSE BILL 1400

By: Representatives Hogue, B. Wood, Hawkins, et al.

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ATHLETIC COMPETITION BETWEEN
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Legislative Intent. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the people of Arkansas wish to have an opportunity to enjoy intercollegiate athletic competition among publicly supported institutions of higher education in the State; that such competition would produce significant funds; that there is currently a severe shortage of funds for the support of State government programs and services including higher education; and that the funds which would be produced by intercollegiate athletic competition among institutions of higher learning in the State could be used to support the higher education program in the State through academic scholarships.

SECTION 2. Football. (a) The National Collegiate Athletic Association football team of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and the National Collegiate Athletic Association football team of Arkansas State University are hereby directed to compete one with the other on an annual basis, with such competition beginning not later than 1989.

(b) Such event shall be held each year in War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock, Arkansas. Proceeds from the event shall be distributed to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in the same manner as is currently made of proceeds which accrue from University of Arkansas at Fayetteville football games held in War Memorial Stadium with the exception that there shall be distributed to Arkansas State University from the proceeds derived from the event, an amount equal to the average payment made to the out-of-state, non-

conference opponents of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville during the most recent five year period. Provided, however, that in the event the War Memorial Stadium Commission should elect to incur indebtedness in order to expand the existing stadium, then and in that event, the revenue derived from the sale of the seats for this event in the area of expansion shall be distributed to the War Memorial Stadium Commission for the purpose of retiring such indebtedness.

SECTION 3. Basketball. (a) Beginning no later than 1987, there shall annually be conducted in Little Rock, Arkansas, or Pine Bluff, Arkansas, a "round-robin" basketball tournament in which all National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I basketball teams in the state shall participate and to which shall be invited the winner of the preceding year's regular season round-robin play of the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference.

(b) Forty per centum (40%) of the net receipts from such tournament shall be divided equally between the teams participating in the tournament. The remaining sixty per centum (60%) shall be distributed by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to all public institutions of higher education in the state of Arkansas for the purpose of academic scholarships with said distribution to be made on a per capita basis based on the most recent actual full time equivalent enrollment of each such institution.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

