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A Bill

SENATE BILL 765

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARK. CODE § 6-60-208 TO PROVIDE THAT
9 STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS MUST HAVE
10 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE COLLEGE PREPARATORY OR
11 TECHNICAL PREPARATORY CORE CURRICULUM FOR UNCONDITIONAL
12 ADMISSION TO A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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15 "TO REQUIRE STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM
16 PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY
17 COMPLETED THE COLLEGE PREP OR TECH PREP
18 CORE CURRICULUM FOR UNCONDITIONAL
19 ADMISSION TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF
20 HIGHER EDUCATION."
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-60-208 is hereby amended to
26 read as follows:

27 "6-60-208. Completion of core curriculum for unconditional admission
28 to a public institution of higher education.

29 (a) Beginning with the 1997-98 academic year, any public school
30 student who graduated from a public high school after May 1, 1997, must have
31 successfully completed the college preparatory core curriculum, recommended
32 by the State Board of Higher Education after consultation with the State
33 Board of Education and pursuant to § 6-61-217, or the technical preparatory
34 core curriculum established by the State Board of Education pursuant to
35 § 6-18-101, with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00, to be

1 eligible for unconditional admission to an associate of arts or a bachelor's
2 degree program in a public four-year institution of higher education.

3 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, beginning with the
4 1997-98 academic year, any public school student who graduated from a public
5 high school after May 1, 1997, must have successfully completed the college
6 preparatory core curriculum, recommended by the State Board of Higher
7 Education after consultation with the State Board of Education and pursuant
8 to § 6-61-217, or the technical preparatory core curriculum established by
9 the State Board of Education pursuant to § 6-18-101, to enroll in any
10 certificate, diploma, or degree program in any public two-year institution of
11 higher education.

12 (c)(1) The colleges and universities shall develop standards for
13 collegiate admissions based on the mission of each institution and establish
14 a conditional collegiate admission process for each institution, subject to
15 the recommendations of the State Board of Higher Education. *For purposes of*
16 *this act*, the colleges and universities are hereby directed to establish
17 standards for conditional admission for public school students who have not
18 completed the college preparatory core curriculum or the technical
19 preparatory core curriculum, subject to the recommendations of the State
20 Board of Higher Education. At a minimum, these conditional admissions
21 standards shall require the following:

22 (A) For a public school student seeking an associate of
23 arts degree or a baccalaureate degree and who failed to successfully complete
24 the college preparatory core curriculum or the technical preparatory core
25 curriculum, completion of twelve (12) hours of core academic courses and any
26 necessary remedial courses with a cumulative grade point average of 2.00.

27 (B) For a public school student seeking a diploma, a
28 technical certificate, or an associate of applied science degree and who
29 failed to successfully complete the college preparatory core curriculum or
30 the technical preparatory core curriculum, completion of six (6) hours of
31 core academic courses, six (6) hours of technical courses required for the
32 diploma, technical certificate, or associate of applied science degree, and
33 any necessary remedial courses with a cumulative grade point average of 2.00.

34 (2)(A) Conditional admission standards should appropriately
35 reflect the mission of the institution and shall be implemented by the

1 institutions as a condition for receiving state funds.

2 (B) If the State Board of Higher Education does not
3 approve the conditional collegiate admission standards and process for an
4 institution, no state funds shall be used to subsidize or pay for any portion
5 of the cost associated with the conditional students.

6 (d) The admissions criteria set forth in this section shall not apply
7 to those individuals who graduated from a public high school prior to May 1,
8 1997.

9 (e) Nothing in this section shall prevent an institution of higher
10 education from setting higher admissions standards for enrolling freshmen."

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12 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
13 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
14 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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16 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
17 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
18 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
19 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
20 act are declared to be severable.

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22 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
23 hereby repealed.

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/s/Russ

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