

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 641

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5 By: Senator Mahony

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT CONCERNING CONDITIONAL AND UNCONDITIONAL
10 ADMISSIONS STANDARDS AT ARKANSAS PUBLIC COLLEGES AND
11 UNIVERSITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "AN ACT CONCERNING CONDITIONAL AND
15 UNCONDITIONAL ADMISSIONS STANDARDS AT
16 ARKANSAS PUBLIC COLLEGES AND
17 UNIVERSITIES."

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-60-208 is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 "6-60-208. Requirements.

24 (a) Beginning with the ~~1997-1998~~ 1999-2000 academic year, any public
25 school student who graduates from a public high school after May 1, ~~1997-1999~~,
26 must have successfully completed the ~~college preparatory~~ core curriculum,
27 recommended by the State Board of Higher Education after consultation with the
28 State Board of Education and pursuant to § 6-61-217, ~~or the technical~~
29 ~~preparatory core curriculum established by the State Board of Education~~
30 ~~pursuant to § 6-18-101~~, with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0
31 on a 4.0 scale, to be eligible for unconditional admission ~~to an associate of~~
32 ~~arts or a bachelor's degree program in~~ as an undergraduate to a public
33 four-year institution of higher education. Nothing in this subsection shall
34 prevent a student from enrolling for the purpose of obtaining a degree or a
35 certificate offered by a public four-year institution.

36 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, beginning with the

1 ~~1997-1998-1999-2000~~ academic year, any public school student who graduates
 2 from a public high school after May 1, ~~1997-1999~~, must have successfully
 3 completed the ~~college preparatory~~ core curriculum, recommended by the State
 4 Board of Higher Education after consultation with the State Board of Education
 5 and pursuant to ~~§ 6-61-217, or the technical preparatory core curriculum~~
 6 ~~established by the State Board of Education pursuant to § 6-18-101, to enroll~~
 7 ~~in any certificate, diploma, or degree program in any~~ be eligible for
 8 unconditional admission to a public two-year institution of higher education.
 9 Nothing in this subsection shall prevent a student from enrolling for the
 10 purpose of obtaining a degree or a certificate offered by a public two-year
 11 institution.

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

21 (A) For a public school student seeking an associate of
 22 arts degree or a baccalaureate degree and who failed to successfully complete
 23 the ~~college preparatory~~ core curriculum ~~or the technical preparatory core~~
 24 ~~curriculum~~, completion of twelve (12) hours of core academic courses and any
 25 necessary remedial courses with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a
 26 4.0 scale.

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 the~~
 30 ~~technical preparatory core curriculum~~, completion of six (6) hours of core
 31 academic courses, six (6) hours of technical courses required for the diploma,
 32 technical certificate, or associate of applied science degree, and any
 33 necessary remedial courses with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a
 34 4.0 scale.

35 ~~_____ (2) In the development of the conditional admission standards,~~
 36 ~~special attention shall be given to nontraditional students, including those~~

1 ~~who are home-schooled or who attended private secondary schools.~~

2 (2)(A) Beginning with the 1997-1998 academic year, conditional
3 admission standards for nontraditional students shall be based on the
4 student's score on the American College Test composite, or its equivalent as
5 defined by the Department of Higher Education, which shall issue guidelines to
6 assist two-year and four-year institutions of higher education in developing
7 such conditional admission standards.

8 (B) As used in this subdivision, 'nontraditional students' shall
9 include those who are home-schooled or who attended private or parochial
10 secondary schools.

11 (3)(A) Conditional admission standards should appropriately
12 reflect the mission of the institution and shall be implemented by the
13 institutions as a condition for receiving state funds.

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

18 (d) The admissions criteria set forth in this section shall not apply
19 to those individuals who graduate from a public high school prior to May 1,
20 ~~1997~~ 1999.

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

23 (f) Nothing in this section shall prevent a student from enrolling for
24 the purpose of obtaining a degree or a certificate offered by a public two-
25 year or four-year institution of higher education."

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

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31 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
32 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
33 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
34 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
35 act are declared to be severable.

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

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/s/Senator Mahony

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