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A Bill

SENATE BILL 689

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5 By: Senator Russ
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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

27 "6-60-208. Requirements.

28 (a) Beginning with the 1997-1998 academic year, any public school
29 student who graduates from a public high school after May 1, 1997, must have
30 successfully completed the college preparatory core curriculum, recommended by
31 the State Board of Higher Education after consultation with the State Board of
32 Education and pursuant to § 6-61-217, or the technical preparatory core
33 curriculum established by the State Board of Education pursuant to § 6-18-101,
34 with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, to be
35 eligible for unconditional admission to an associate of arts or a bachelor's
36 degree program in a public four-year institution of higher education.

1 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, beginning with the 1997-
2 1998 academic year, any public school student who graduates from a public high
3 school after May 1, 1997, must have successfully completed the college
4 preparatory core curriculum, recommended by the State Board of Higher
5 Education after consultation with the State Board of Education and pursuant to
6 § 6-61-217, or the technical preparatory core curriculum established by the
7 State Board of Education pursuant to § 6-18-101, to enroll in any certificate,
8 diploma, or degree program in any public two-year institution of higher
9 education.

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

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

25 (B) For a public school student seeking a diploma, a
26 technical certificate, or an associate of applied science degree and who
27 failed to successfully complete the college preparatory core curriculum or the
28 technical preparatory core curriculum, completion of six (6) hours of core
29 academic courses, six (6) hours of technical courses required for the diploma,
30 technical certificate, or associate of applied science degree, and any
31 necessary remedial courses with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a
32 4.0 scale.

33 (2) In the development of the conditional admission standards,
34 special attention shall be given to nontraditional students, including those
35 who are home-schooled or who attended private secondary schools.

36 (3)(A) Conditional admission standards should appropriately

1 reflect the mission of the institution and shall be implemented by the
2 institutions as a condition for receiving state funds.

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

7 (d) The admissions criteria set forth in this section shall not apply
8 to those individuals who graduate from a public high school prior to May 1,
9 1997.

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

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

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

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

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