

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 82nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1999
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As Engrossed: S3/16/99

A Bill

SENATE BILL 778

5 By: Senator Mahony
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TASK FORCE ON NON-
10 BACCALAUREATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES. "
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Subtitle

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15 NON-BACCALAUREATE POSTSECONDARY
16 EDUCATION. "
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. This act shall be known as "Task Force on Non-Baccalaureate
22 Postsecondary Education Act".
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24 SECTION 2. For purposes of this act "non-baccalaureate postsecondary
25 education" means those courses of study offered at the state's two-year
26 colleges, technical institutes and comprehensive life-long learning centers
27 that results in the awarding of a certificate, one-year degree, two-year
28 degree or three-year degree upon successful completion of the course of study.
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30 SECTION 3. Purpose.

31 The purpose of the General Assembly in establishing the Task Force on
32 Non-Baccalaureate Postsecondary Education is to:

33 (1) Explore strategies for improving the effectiveness and efficiency
34 of the state's system of non-baccalaureate postsecondary education;

35 (2) Seek to actively involve the private sector as partners in the
36 process of enhancing the utilization of the non-baccalaureate postsecondary

1 education system throughout the state;

2 (3) Propose and recommend legislation for the 2001 Regular Session;

3 (4) Assess current efforts to improve utilization of the non-
4 baccalaureate postsecondary education system; and

5 (5) Develop a coordinated plan of action to improve utilization of the
6 non-baccalaureate postsecondary education system, including mergers,
7 consolidations, cooperative agreements, and institutional designations.

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9 SECTION 4. (a) There is created the Task Force on Non-Baccalaureate
10 Postsecondary Education, which shall consist of sixteen (16) voting members:

11 (1) the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission,
12 who shall serve as the chairperson of the Commission;

13 (2) the Director of the Department of Workforce Education;

14 (3) the Director of the Department of Higher Education;

15 (4) the Director of the Department of Education;

16 (5) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Association of
17 General Contractors;

18 (6) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Association of
19 Knowledge-based Companies;

20 (7) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Farm Bureau
21 Federation;

22 (8) One (1) member representing Arkansas State Chamber of
23 Commerce;

24 (9) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Manufacturers
25 Association;

26 (10) One (1) member representing a national labor organization;

27 (11) One (1) member representing the presidents of the state's
28 community colleges and two-year campus affiliates;

29 (12) One (1) member representing the presidents of the state's
30 technical colleges;

31 (13) One (1) member representing the presidents of the state's
32 technical institutes and comprehensive life-long learning centers;

33 (14) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Hospitality
34 Association;

35 (15) One member representing the Arkansas Economic Developers
36 Associations; and

1 (16) One (1) member representing the State Chambers of Commerce
2 Executive Association.

3 (b) The Governor shall appoint the representatives of the non-executive
4 branch organizations from a list of three (3) names submitted to him by each
5 of the organizations.

6 (c) The members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

7 (d)(1) In carrying out its functions, the commission may create such
8 advisory committees as it may deem necessary.

9 (2) The memberships of these advisory committees may include both
10 members and staff of the commission, and other persons drawn from sources
11 other than the commission, all of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the
12 commission.

13 (3) Members of such advisory committees shall serve without
14 compensation for their membership on such committees.

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16 SECTION 5. Report.

17 The Task Force on Non-Baccalaureate Postsecondary Education shall submit
18 a report and its recommendations for any proposed legislation to the Governor
19 and the House Interim Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee
20 on Education prior to March 1, 2000.

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22 SECTION 6. Staff support.

23 Staff support for the Task Force on Non-Baccalaureate Postsecondary
24 Education shall be provided by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission
25 and the Department of Workforce Education. Additional support shall be
26 provided by all the appropriate agencies of state government upon written
27 request of the commission.

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29 SECTION 7. Expiration.

30 The provisions of this act shall expire on January 1, 2001.

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32 SECTION 8. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
33 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
34 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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36 SECTION 9. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to

1 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
2 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
3 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
4 act are declared to be severable.

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6 SECTION 10. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
7 hereby repealed.

8 /s/ Mahony
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