

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

A Bill

SENATE BILL 826

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5 By: Senators D. Malone, Mahony

For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 "AN ACT TO AMEND TO THE SCOPE OF THE JOINT OVERSIGHT
9 COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION REFORM TO INCLUDE ALL AREAS OF
10 EDUCATION; TO ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE EDUCATION
11 COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE APPOINT MEMBERS
12 TO THE JOINT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION REFORM AND
13 HOUSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

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17 "AN ACT TO AMEND TO THE SCOPE OF THE
18 JOINT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HIGHER
19 EDUCATION REFORM TO INCLUDE ALL AREAS OF
20 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 10-3-1601 is amended to read as follows:

27 "10-3-1601. Creation - Members.

28 (a) To assist the General Assembly, there is established the Joint
29 Interim Oversight Committee on ~~Higher~~ Education Reform to be composed of the
30 following members:

31 (1) Seven (7) members of the Senate to be appointed by the
32 ~~President Pro Tempore of the Senate~~ Chairman of the Senate Education
33 Committee, in consultation with the ~~Chairman of the Senate Education Committee~~
34 President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

35 (2) Seven (7) members of the House of Representatives to be
36 appointed by the ~~Speaker of the House of Representatives~~ Chairman of the House

1 ~~Education Committee~~, in consultation with the ~~Chairman of the House Education~~
 2 ~~Committee~~ Speaker of the House of Representatives.

3 (b) In making their appointments, the ~~President Pro Tempore of the~~
 4 ~~Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives~~ Chairman of the Senate
 5 Education Committee and Chairman of the House Education Committee shall seek
 6 to ensure that members who are knowledgeable about all types of ~~postsecondary~~
 7 educational ~~institutions~~ issues and who represent all geographic regions of
 8 the state shall serve on the committee.

9 (c) The committee shall be assisted by staff provided by the Bureau of
 10 Legislative Research.

11 (d) Members of the committee shall be entitled to receive per diem and
 12 expenses for their attendance at committee meetings at the same rate as
 13 members of the General Assembly receive for attendance of interim committees.

14 (e) The members appointed to the committee shall select a Senate
 15 cochairman and a House cochairman who shall serve for a two-year term during
 16 the interim."
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18 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 10-3-1602 is amended to read as follows:

19 "10-3-1602. Duties.

20 The duties of the Joint Interim Oversight Committee on ~~Higher~~ Education Reform
 21 shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

22 (1) ~~Reviewing the Office of Accountability in the Department of~~
 23 ~~Higher Education~~ Reviewing policy issues regarding the creation and
 24 implementation of acceptability systems for the state system of education,
 25 including the review of any regulatory changes proposed by the appropriate
 26 agencies of the executive branch or any boards or commissions prior to their
 27 implementation;

28 (2) Reviewing policy issues affecting ~~postsecondary~~ educational
 29 reform on or before November 15 of the year preceding a regularly scheduled
 30 legislative session and making recommendations concerning any necessary
 31 legislative changes proposed by ~~the Department of Higher Education or the~~
 32 ~~State Board of Higher Education~~ school districts, cooperatives, institutions
 33 of higher education, the Department of Education, the State Board of
 34 Education, the Department of Workforce Education, the State Board of Workforce
 35 Education and Career Opportunities, the Department of Higher Education, the
 36 Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Governor's office, and

1 private institutions;

2 (3) Providing recommendations regarding use of state and federal
3 funds ~~in postsecondary education;~~

4 (4) Reviewing and assuring coordination between the ~~Department of~~
5 ~~Higher Education and the various institutions of higher education~~ school
6 districts, cooperatives, institutions of higher education, the Department of
7 Education, the State Board of Education, the Department of Workforce
8 Education, the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities,
9 the Department of Higher Education, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating
10 Board, the Governor's office, and private institutions;

11 (5) Evaluating innovative education projects and promoting
12 adoption of successful projects ~~to other institutions of higher education."~~

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14 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
15 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
16 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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18 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
19 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
20 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
21 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
22 act are declared to be severable.

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24 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
25 hereby repealed.

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