

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 287

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5 By: Senator Capps
6 By: Representative Saunders

For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE
11 MISSION AND SCOPE OF ARKANSAS' INSTITUTIONS OF
12 HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ECONOMIC GOALS OF THE
13 STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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20 STATE.

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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 § 6-61-207 is amended to read as follows:
26 6-61-207. Role and scope designations.

27 (a)(1) In order to promote a coordinated system of higher education in
28 Arkansas and to assure an orderly and effective development of each of the
29 publicly supported institutions of higher education, the Arkansas Higher
30 Education Coordinating Board shall have the power and duty to establish, in
31 consultation with college and university personnel, appropriate role and
32 scope designations within which boards of trustees must operate the
33 institution or institutions under their jurisdiction.

34 ~~(b)~~(2) The board shall establish such role and scope designations by
35 January 1, 1990. The designations may be changed at any time as determined
36 by the board. They shall be fully reviewed at least once every five (5)



1 years.

2 ~~(e)~~(3) Prior to their establishment of or making changes in role and
3 scope designations, the board shall carefully study the change in
4 consultation with institutional personnel, announce the intent to consider a
5 change, and publicly reveal the change that is being proposed at a regular
6 quarterly meeting, with the vote to come no sooner than the next regular
7 quarterly meeting.

8 (b) To assist the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the
9 Department of Higher Education in their effort to promote a coordinated
10 system of higher education in Arkansas that addresses and responds to the
11 changing economic needs of the state and the new economy, the Department of
12 Economic Development shall provide the Department of Higher Education a list
13 of the state's overall and regional economic development goals within ten
14 (10) days of the effective date of this subsection (b) and by September 1
15 each year thereafter.

16 (c)(1) The Department of Higher Education may retain the services of
17 consultants or other experts as may be necessary to carry out the review, and
18 the Department of Higher Education staff shall work directly with the
19 consultants to handle the logistics of needed discussion groups, meeting
20 minutes, and recommendation dissemination.

21 (2) The review process shall include an opportunity for
22 institutions to provide input, as well as a time for public and business
23 comment.

24 (3) Upon completion of the review, the Department of Higher
25 Education shall provide a report regarding its findings to the Arkansas
26 Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Governor, the co-chairs of
27 Legislative Council, and the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research.

28 (4) The requirements for a review under this section shall be
29 contingent upon the appropriation and availability of funding for such
30 purpose.

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