

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.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 60

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 10 OF
10 THE ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987 ANNOTATED; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 10-2-215 is amended to read as follows to
22 further subdivide and reorganize the section for clarity and to make
23 stylistic changes:

24 10-2-215. Additional compensation for committee chairs and cochairs.

25 ~~(a)(1) In addition to the expense allowance provided by § 10-2-212 and~~
26 ~~all laws amendatory and supplemental thereto, the~~ The following members of
27 the General Assembly are eligible to receive three thousand six hundred
28 dollars (\$3,600) per year in addition to the expense allowance provided by §
29 10-2-212:

30 (1) The chair of each of the standing, select, and joint
31 committees of either house of the General Assembly;

32 (2) the The cochairs of the Legislative Council;

33 (3) and the The ~~chairs~~ chair of each subcommittee of the
34 Legislative Council;

35 (4) the The cochairs of the Legislative Joint Auditing
36 Committee;



1 ~~(5) and the~~ The chairs chair of each subcommittee of the
2 Legislative Joint Auditing Committee;

3 ~~(6) the~~ The Speaker Designate of the House of Representatives;

4 ~~(7) the~~ The President Pro Tempore Designate of the Senate;

5 ~~(8) the~~ The House and Senate chairs of the ~~Review/PEER~~
6 PEER/Review Subcommittee, the Personnel Subcommittee, the Claims
7 Subcommittee, and the Special Language Subcommittee of the Joint Budget
8 Committee; and

9 ~~(9) the~~ The cochair of any committee of the General Assembly
10 ~~which that~~ does not function during the legislative session ~~shall be eligible~~
11 ~~to receive an additional three thousand six hundred dollars (\$3,600) per~~
12 ~~year.~~

13 ~~(2)(b)(1)~~ The chair of each subcommittee of each standing committee of
14 either house of the General Assembly shall be is eligible to receive ~~an~~
15 ~~additional~~ one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,800) per year in addition
16 to the expense allowance provided by § 10-2-212.

17 ~~(2)~~ If a member of the General Assembly is eligible to receive
18 payment under this ~~subdivision (a)(2)~~ subsection due to service in more than
19 one (1) covered position, the member ~~shall be is~~ eligible to receive three
20 thousand six hundred dollars (\$3,600) per year in addition to the expense
21 allowance provided by § 10-2-212.

22 ~~(3)(c)~~ No member of the General Assembly shall receive more than three
23 thousand six hundred dollars (\$3,600) per year under this section.

24 ~~(b)(d)~~ ~~This~~ The additional allowance provided by this section shall be
25 paid from the same funds and appropriation and in the same manner as provided
26 for the ~~allowances~~ expense allowance authorized by § 10-2-212 ~~and all laws~~
27 ~~amendatory and supplemental thereto.~~

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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 10-3-403(b) is repealed because the
30 subsection is obsolete.

31 ~~(b)(1)~~ ~~If there should be a failure to nominate any member or~~
32 ~~alternate as a representative of the district as a result of a tie vote in~~
33 ~~any congressional district caucus held as above provided, the requirement of~~
34 ~~a caucus nomination shall be dispensed with.~~

35 ~~(2)~~ ~~The member or alternate shall then be elected by the body of~~
36 ~~the General Assembly which the member or alternate is expected to represent~~

1 ~~on the Committee.~~

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3 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 10-3-1704(c) is amended to read as follows
 4 to repeal references in the subsection to entities that were abolished by
 5 Acts 2001, No. 1042, § 8:

6 (c)~~(1)~~ The committee shall exercise appropriate legislative oversight
 7 of the operations of the Department of Information Systems.

8 ~~(2) The staff of the committee shall serve as staff liaison to~~
 9 ~~the Department of Information Systems Advisory Board and the Department of~~
 10 ~~Information Systems Steering Committee.~~

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12 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 10, Chapter 3, Subchapter 24 is
 13 repealed because the task force created by the subchapter expired on January
 14 1, 2009.

15 ~~10-3-2401. Title.~~

16 ~~This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas~~
 17 ~~Legislative Task Force on Higher Education Remediation, Retention, and~~
 18 ~~Graduation Rates".~~

19 ~~10-3-2402. Creation.~~

20 ~~(a) There is created the Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Higher~~
 21 ~~Education Remediation, Retention, and Graduation Rates.~~

22 ~~(b) The task force shall consist of the following fifteen (15)~~
 23 ~~members:~~

24 ~~(1) The Governor or the Governor's designee;~~

25 ~~(2) The Chair of the House Interim Committee on Education or the~~
 26 ~~chair's designee;~~

27 ~~(3) The Chair of the Senate Interim Committee on Education or the~~
 28 ~~chair's designee;~~

29 ~~(4) The Chair of the Higher Education Subcommittee of the Arkansas~~
 30 ~~Legislative Council or the chair's designee;~~

31 ~~(5) The Director of the Department of Higher Education or the~~
 32 ~~director's designee;~~

33 ~~(6) The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;~~

34 ~~(7) The President of the Arkansas Education Association or the~~
 35 ~~president's designee;~~

36 ~~(8) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Association of Educational~~

1 ~~Administrators or the executive director's designee;~~

2 ~~(9) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Association of Two-Year~~
 3 ~~Colleges or the executive director's designee;~~

4 ~~(10) Four (4) faculty members with specialized knowledge, skills, or~~
 5 ~~experience in the area of remediation representing institutions of higher~~
 6 ~~education with one (1) member from each of the four (4) congressional~~
 7 ~~districts, appointed by the Director of Higher Education.~~

8 ~~(11) A vice president or provost of academic affairs appointed by the~~
 9 ~~Director of Higher Education; and~~

10 ~~(12) The Vice president of Academic Affairs at a two-year higher~~
 11 ~~education institution at a four-year higher education institution appointed~~
 12 ~~by the Director of Higher Education.~~

13 ~~(c)(1) The Chair of the House Interim Committee on Education or the~~
 14 ~~chair's designee shall call the first meeting within thirty (30) days of July~~
 15 ~~31, 2007 and shall serve as chair at the first meeting.~~

16 ~~(2) At the first meeting, the members of the task force shall elect~~
 17 ~~from its membership a chair and other officers as needed for the transaction~~
 18 ~~of its business.~~

19 ~~(3)(A) The task force shall conduct its meetings in Pulaski County at~~
 20 ~~the State Capitol.~~

21 ~~(B) Meetings shall be held at least one (1) time every three (3)~~
 22 ~~months but may occur more often at the call of the chair.~~

23 ~~(d) If any vacancy occurs on the task force, the vacancy shall be~~
 24 ~~filled by the same process as the original appointment.~~

25 ~~(e) The task force shall establish rules and procedures for conducting~~
 26 ~~its business.~~

27 ~~(f) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but~~
 28 ~~may receive expense reimbursement according to § 25-16-902.~~

29 ~~(g) A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a~~
 30 ~~quorum for transacting any business of the task force.~~

31 ~~(h) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide staff for the~~
 32 ~~task force.~~

33 ~~10-3-2403. Duties.~~

34 ~~The Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Higher Education Remediation,~~
 35 ~~Retention, and Graduation Rates shall:~~

36 ~~(1) Compile information on research that has been done in Arkansas and~~

1 nationally on reducing remediation, improving retention, and increasing
2 graduation rates;

3 (2) ~~Summarize data on rates of remediation, types of testing used to~~
4 ~~determine college readiness, and characteristics of programs that are most~~
5 ~~effective in addressing skill deficits, and data on effectiveness of~~
6 ~~remediation for students with entering skill deficits;~~

7 (3) ~~Create a definition of remediation to assure consistency in~~
8 ~~reporting of remediation among colleges and universities throughout Arkansas;~~

9 (4) ~~Identify the underlying factors that contribute to the number of~~
10 ~~students who are not ready for collegiate level classes in certain~~
11 ~~disciplines at the time of high school graduation;~~

12 (5) ~~Identify best practices examples of school systems and colleges~~
13 ~~that are having success in reducing the need for remedial education;~~

14 (6) ~~Brainstorm new approaches that may be effective in producing~~
15 ~~increased levels of college readiness;~~

16 (7) ~~Attempt to clarify the role that various types of colleges and~~
17 ~~universities should play in addressing the need for remediation;~~

18 (8) ~~Review graduation rates of the state's colleges and universities~~
19 ~~for the past six (6) years;~~

20 (9) ~~Develop a set of written recommendations for the General Assembly~~
21 ~~that will improve remediation, retention, and graduation rates at the state's~~
22 ~~colleges and universities; and~~

23 (10) ~~Present the written recommendations of the task force to the~~
24 ~~General Assembly by November 1, 2008.~~

25 ~~10-3-2404. Expiration of task force.~~

26 ~~The Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Higher Education Remediation,~~
27 ~~Retention, and Graduation Rates shall cease to exist effective January 1,~~
28 ~~2009.~~

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30 SECTION 5. The enactment and adoption of this act shall not repeal,
31 expressly or impliedly, the acts passed at the regular session of the 87th
32 General Assembly. All such acts shall have full effect and, so far as those
33 acts intentionally vary from or conflict with any provision contained in this
34 act, those acts shall have the effect of subsequent acts and as amending or
35 repealing the appropriate parts of the Arkansas Code of 1987.

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