

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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3 Regular Session, 2009  
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As Engrossed: S3/19/09

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 885

5 By: Senator J. Jeffress  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE  
10 AFFORDABILITY OF *HIGHER EDUCATION FOR*  
11 *UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS* IN THIS STATE; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

14 *TO CREATE AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE*  
15 *AFFORDABILITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR*  
16 *UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS IN THIS STATE.*  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 *WHEREAS, in recent years, due to the rising costs of higher education,*  
24 *state-supported colleges and universities in Arkansas have increased*  
25 *undergraduate tuition rates and fees by an average that is greater than the*  
26 *rate of inflation; and*

27 *WHEREAS, higher education's growing reliance on funding budgets from*  
28 *tuition is causing an increasingly disproportionate financial burden on*  
29 *students and their families; and*

30 *WHEREAS, a study is needed to identify the factors influencing the*  
31 *affordability of higher education in this state and to seek ways to address*  
32 *the rising cost of tuition, fees, and other student costs,*  
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34 *NOW THEREFORE*

35 *BE IT PROPOSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH*  
36 *GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:*



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*THAT the Senate Committee on Education study issues relating to the affordability of an undergraduate education in this state, including without limitation the:*

*(1) Tuition-setting policies of state-supported two-year and four-year colleges and universities;*

*(2) Resident and nonresident tuition, all student fees, student room and board costs, and other student costs for undergraduate students attending a state-supported two-year or four-year college or university;*

*(3) Reasons for rising tuition rates, student fees, cost of textbooks, and other student costs;*

*(4) State's share of funding higher education costs; and*

*(5) Methods for addressing rising higher education costs.*

*/s/ J. Jeffress*