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For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 AN ACT CONCERNING ADMISSION STANDARDS FOR STATE-
9 SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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14 CONCERNING ADMISSION STANDARDS FOR STATE-
15 SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
16 EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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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 § 6-60-208 is amended to read as follows:

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23 6-60-208. Requirements.

24 (a)(1) ~~Beginning with the 2002-2003 academic year, any~~ A public school
25 student who graduates from a public high school after May 1, 2002, must have
26 successfully completed the core curriculum recommended by the Arkansas Higher
27 Education Coordinating Board after consultation with the State Board of
28 Education and ~~pursuant to~~ under § 6-61-217 with a minimum cumulative grade
29 point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in order to be eligible for unconditional
30 admission as an undergraduate to a ~~public~~ state-supported four-year
31 institution of higher education.

32 (2) ~~Nothing in this~~ This subsection (a) shall not prevent a
33 student from enrolling for the purpose of obtaining a degree or a certificate
34 offered by a ~~public~~ state-supported four-year institution of higher
35 education.

36 (b)(1) Subject to subsection (c) of this section ~~and beginning with~~



1 ~~the 2002-2003 academic year,~~ any public school student who graduates from a
 2 public high school after May 1, 2002, must have successfully completed the
 3 core curriculum recommended by the ~~coordinating board~~ Arkansas Higher
 4 Education Coordinating Board after consultation with the ~~state board~~ State
 5 Board of Education and ~~pursuant to~~ under § 6-61-217 in order to be eligible
 6 for unconditional admission to a ~~public~~ state-supported two-year institution
 7 of higher education.

8 ~~(2) Nothing in this subsection (b) shall prevent a student from~~
 9 ~~enrolling for the purpose of obtaining a degree or a certificate offered by a~~
 10 ~~public two-year institution.~~

11 (c)(1)(A) The colleges and universities shall develop standards for
 12 collegiate admissions based on the mission of each institution and establish
 13 a conditional collegiate admissions process for each institution, subject to
 14 the recommendations of the ~~coordinating board~~ Arkansas Higher Education
 15 Coordinating Board.

16 (B) The colleges and universities ~~are hereby directed to~~
 17 shall establish standards for conditional admission for public school
 18 students who have not completed the core curriculum, subject to the
 19 recommendations of the ~~coordinating board~~ Arkansas Higher Education
 20 Coordinating Board. At a minimum, these conditional admissions standards
 21 shall require the following:

22 (i) For a public school student seeking an associate
 23 of arts degree or a baccalaureate degree who failed to successfully complete
 24 the core curriculum, completion of twelve (12) hours of core academic courses
 25 and any necessary remedial courses with a cumulative grade point average of
 26 2.0 on a 4.0 scale; or

27 (ii) For a public school student seeking a diploma,
 28 a technical certificate, or an associate of applied science degree who failed
 29 to successfully complete the core curriculum, completion of six (6) hours of
 30 core academic courses, six (6) hours of technical courses required for the
 31 diploma, technical certificate, or associate of applied science degree, and
 32 any necessary remedial courses with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0
 33 on a 4.0 scale.

34 (2)(A) Conditional admissions standards ~~should~~ shall
 35 ~~appropriately~~ reflect the mission of each institution and shall be
 36 implemented by the institutions as a condition ~~of~~ for receiving state funds.

1 (B) If the ~~coordinating board~~ Arkansas Higher Education
2 Coordinating Board does not approve the conditional collegiate admissions
3 standards and process for an institution, ~~no~~ state funds shall not be used to
4 subsidize or pay for any portion of the cost associated with the conditional
5 students.

6 (3) The admissions criteria set forth in this section shall not
7 apply to those individuals who graduate from a public high school prior to
8 May 1, 2002.

9 (d)(1) ~~Beginning with the 1997-1998 academic year, conditional~~
10 Conditional admissions standards for nontraditional students shall be based
11 on the student's score on the American College Test composite or its
12 equivalent as defined by the Department of Higher Education, which shall
13 issue guidelines to assist two-year and four-year institutions of higher
14 education in developing conditional admissions standards.

15 (2) As used in this subsection (d), "nontraditional students"
16 shall include those who are home-schooled or who attended private or
17 parochial secondary schools.

18 (e) ~~Nothing in this~~ This section shall not prevent an institution of
19 higher education from setting higher admissions standards for enrolling
20 freshmen.

21 ~~(f) Nothing in this section shall prevent a student from enrolling for~~
22 ~~the purpose of obtaining a degree or a certificate offered by a public two-~~
23 ~~year or four-year institution of higher education.~~

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