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# A Bill

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

12 CONCERNING ADMISSION STANDARDS FOR STATE-  
13 SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
14 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 subsection (a) shall prevent a student from~~  
33 ~~enrolling for the purpose of obtaining a degree or a certificate offered by a~~  
34 ~~public four-year institution.~~

35 (b)(1) Subject to subsection (c) of this section ~~and beginning with~~  
36 ~~the 2002-2003 academic year,~~ any public school student who graduates from a



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 (B) If the ~~coordinating board~~ Arkansas Higher Education

1 Coordinating Board does not approve the conditional collegiate admissions  
2 standards and process for an institution, ~~no~~ state funds shall not be used to  
3 subsidize or pay for any portion of the cost associated with the conditional  
4 students.

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

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

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

17 ~~(e) Nothing in this section shall prevent an institution of higher~~  
18 ~~education from setting higher admissions standards for enrolling freshmen~~  
19 Beginning with the 2012-2013 academic year, a student who scores below  
20 fifteen (15) on an ACT or below a comparable score on a comparable exam may  
21 be reassessed to determine the student's ability to benefit using one (1) of  
22 the federally approved ability to benefit assessments.

23 ~~(f)(1) Nothing in this section shall prevent a student from enrolling~~  
24 ~~for the purpose of obtaining a degree or a certificate offered by a public~~  
25 ~~two-year or four-year institution of higher education~~ Beginning with the  
26 2012-2013 academic year, a student who scores below the acceptable federally  
27 determined ability-to-benefit assessment score, but has a high school diploma  
28 or GED, may only be enrolled by a two-year or four-year institution of higher  
29 education in a specific certificate program approved by the Arkansas Higher  
30 Education Coordinating Board, in collaboration with the institutions of  
31 higher education until the student can demonstrate academic proficiency that  
32 would predict success in a degree program.

33 (2) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall  
34 provide approved assessment tools and acceptable scores through Arkansas  
35 Higher Education Coordinating Board policy.

36 (g) This section does not prevent an institution of higher education

1 from setting higher admissions standards for enrolling freshmen.

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