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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 508

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT CONCERNING THE HIGHER EDUCATION PRODUCTIVITY-  
12 BASED FUNDING MODEL; TO AMEND THE MEANS BY WHICH  
13 FUNDING IS DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE PRODUCTIVITY-BASED  
14 FUNDING MODEL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

18 TO AMEND THE MEANS BY WHICH FUNDING IS  
19 DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE PRODUCTIVITY-  
20 BASED FUNDING MODEL.

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

25 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative intent.  
26 The General Assembly finds that:

27 (1) It is a priority of the current Governor and this  
28 legislature that the number of Arkansans who attain post-secondary degrees  
29 increase to sixty percent (60%) by the year 2025; and

30 (2) Funding to state-supported institutions of higher education  
31 should align with statewide priorities for higher education through outcomes-  
32 based funding.

34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-61-234(f), concerning the higher  
35 education productivity-based funding model, is amended to read as follows:

36 (f)(1) ~~In any fiscal year for which the aggregate general revenue~~



1 ~~funding forecast to be available for state-supported institutions of higher~~  
2 ~~education is greater than two percent (2%) less than the amount provided for~~  
3 ~~the immediate previous fiscal year, the department shall not further~~  
4 ~~implement the productivity-based funding model until the following fiscal~~  
5 ~~year~~ To facilitate an increased emphasis on productivity funding, by fiscal  
6 year 2028-2029, the existing allocation of base funding under the Revenue  
7 Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101 et seq., for state-supported institutions of  
8 higher education shall be based one-hundred percent (100%) on productivity  
9 and funded equally per productivity point among the four-year and two-year  
10 state-supported institutions of higher education.

11 (2) Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, funds distributed  
12 through the productivity-based funding model under this section shall be  
13 increased by ten percent (10%) each year for a period of ten (10) years, with  
14 a total increase of one hundred percent (100%) by the tenth year.

15 (3) Beginning in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, any new funds that  
16 are allocated to a state-supported institution of higher education shall be  
17 distributed equally per productivity point among the state-supported four-  
18 year and two-year institutions of higher education.

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