

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

HOUSE BILL 1589

5 By: Representatives J. Roebuck, Cole, Abernathy, Nickels, Carnine, Clemmer, Hopper, M. Burris, D.
6 Hutchinson, T. Rogers, G. Smith
7 By: Senators G. Baker, Madison
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For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO CREATE THE COMPREHENSIVE ARKANSAS
12 HIGHER EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT; TO CONSOLIDATE
13 ALL CURRENT LEGISLATIVELY REQUIRED REPORTS
14 PERTAINING TO HIGHER EDUCATION SUBMITTED BY THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, COLLEGES AND
16 UNIVERSITIES, AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND
17 ALL OTHERS, INTO ONE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE REPORT;
18 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

21 AN ACT TO CREATE THE COMPREHENSIVE
22 ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, is amended to add an
29 additional subchapter to read as follows:

30 SUBCHAPTER 7 - COMPREHENSIVE ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT ACT
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32 6-60-701. Title.

33 This subchapter shall be known as the "Comprehensive Arkansas Higher
34 Education Annual Report Act".
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1 6-60-702. Purpose.

2 The Comprehensive Arkansas Higher Education Annual Report shall:

3 (1) Serve as a central tool for the General Assembly and others
4 to evaluate all facets of the Arkansas higher education system; and

5 (2) Combine all higher education reports currently required by
6 the General Assembly to be submitted separately into one (1) report.

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8 6-60-703. Report.

9 (a)(1) The Comprehensive Arkansas Higher Education Annual Report shall
10 be submitted by the Department of Higher Education to the House Education
11 Committee and Senate Education Committee, the President Pro Tempore of the
12 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Governor no later
13 than December 1, 2009, and each year thereafter.

14 (2) The comprehensive Arkansas Higher Education Annual Report
15 shall be posted on the department website for public inspection no later than
16 December 8, 2009, and each year thereafter.

17 (b)(1) The Comprehensive Arkansas Higher Education Annual Report shall
18 consist of all higher education reports currently required by the General
19 Assembly, including without limitation reports pertaining to:

20 (A) Scholarship programs including without limitation the
21 Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program and the report required by
22 Acts 2001, No. 1520;

23 (B) Remediation rates, §§ 6-15-2401 and 6-61-221, updated
24 each even numbered year;

25 (C) Voluntary ACT program, § 6-18-1608;

26 (D) Military students and families, § 6-61-112;

27 (E) Budget, § 6-61-209, updated each even numbered year;

28 (F) Retention Plans, Retention and graduation rates,
29 including minority retention, §§ 6-61-1311, 6-61-220, and 6-61-122;

30 (G) Reporting standards, § 6-61-222, updated each even
31 numbered year;

32 (H) Athletic expenditures, § 6-62-106;

33 (I) Faculty performance review, § 6-63-104;

34 (J) Coordination of state educational efforts, § 6-1-304;

35 (K) Student enrollment, § 6-60-209;

36 (L) Economic development goals and educational efforts, §

1 6-61-207; and

2 (M) Affirmative action programs, § 6-63-103.

3 (2) All deadlines for higher education reports currently
4 required by the General Assembly are superseded by subsection (a) of this
5 section unless otherwise specified in this subchapter.

6 (3) All financial reports provided to the Higher Education
7 Coordinating Board shall be included in the report, including The Higher
8 Education Financial Conditions Report.

9 (c) All future higher education reports required by the General
10 Assembly shall:

11 (1) Be submitted as part of the Comprehensive Arkansas Higher
12 Education Annual Report; and

13 (2) Include a fiscal impact on administrative costs to the
14 Department of Higher Education.

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16 6-60-704. Information submitted to the Department of Higher Education
17 for inclusion in the report.

18 (a) All higher education reports submitted to the General Assembly or
19 other governmental bodies by individual colleges and universities, agencies,
20 boards or commissions shall be submitted directly to the Department of Higher
21 Education no later than October 1, 2009 and each year thereafter, for
22 inclusion in the Comprehensive Arkansas Higher Education Annual Report.

23 (b) If an institution of higher education fails to submit the required
24 reports to the Department of Higher Education by *October 15* the institutions
25 shall appear before the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee
26 on Education to explain why they failed to meet the submission deadline.

27 (c) Financial information provided by an institution of higher
28 education is subject to review by Legislative Audit and any adjustments made
29 to previously submitted financial information during the course of a
30 financial audit to previously submitted information may be revised based upon
31 recommendations made by Legislative Audit.

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33 6-60-705. Limitation.

34 (a) This subchapter does not limit the authority of the General
35 Assembly to request additional interim reports and supplemental information
36 from the Department of Higher Education, colleges and universities, or other

1 entities, as needed.

2 (b) The Comprehensive Arkansas Higher Education Annual Report shall
3 take priority for the Department of Higher Education staff over a report
4 requested under subsection (a) of this section.

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/s/ J. Roebuck

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