

ADHE Unofficial Summary of 2019 Legislation 92nd General Assembly

Bill #	Act #	Sponsor(s)	Purpose	Effective Date
<u>ADHE - Governor Approved Legislation</u>				
HB1408	Act 256	Dotson/Sturch	Amends or repeals various sections relating to higher education. Adds specific financial reporting requirements for gross, net and per-student income and expenditures.* (amended from original proposed bill)	7/24/2019
HB1509	Act 755	Davis/Sturch	Authorizes use of private career school student protection fund to provide scholarships as provided for by the Higher Education Grants Fund Account; makes various changes to private resident and correspondence school programs. *	7/24/2019
SB56	Act 55	English/Lowery	Changes the composition of the AHEBCB by eliminating three positions for current or recent board members of colleges or universities and adding three positions for member from business, industry, education, etc. (See Act 1084, which replaced this agency bill.)	n/a
<u>Academic</u>				
HB 1124	Act 169	Vaught/Maloch	Establishes veterinary technologist and veterinary technician specialist certifications; sets forth requirements for certification and limitations on authorized practices and empowers the Veterinary MedicalExamining Board to promulgate relevant rules.	7/24/2019
HB 1785	Act 854	Johnson/Pitsch	Creates the Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board to award a planning grant to new and existing graduate medical education programs for expansion of first-year residency positions.	7/24/2019

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<u>Financial Aid/Scholarships</u>				
HB 1413	<u>Act 429</u>	Lowery	Prohibits a school district from charging private school or home school students for concurrent enrollment courses when the district does not charge public or charter school students for the courses.	7/24/2019
HB 1600	<u>Act 603</u>	Hodges/Sturch	Declares an individual who earns a teaching license upon successful completion of the Non-Traditional Licensure Program or the Professional Pathway to Educator Licensure program an eligible student for the State Teacher Education Program.	7/24/2019
HB 1647	<u>Act 549</u>	Allen/English	Amends eligibility requirements for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship by changing the minimum composite score on the ACT to a minimum superscore on the ACT or on an ACT equivalent.	7/24/2019
HB 1824	<u>Act 834</u>	McKenzie/Hendren	Allows recipients of Arkansas Governor's Scholarships, Arkansas Governor's Distinguished Scholarships and the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship to continue to receive proceeds on a prorated basis while enrolled part-time	7/24/2019
HB 1901	<u>Act 1026</u>	Allen	Creates the Academic Support Scholarship, to be administered by the Department of Higher Education, a \$250 award for support with college preparation costs such as tutoring, assessment fees, educational materials, and technology fees.	7/24/2019
SB 343	<u>Act 456</u>	Sturch	Creates the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship, a \$125 scholarship for up to two concurrent enrollment credit courses, with funding provided through excess funding returned to the Office of the Ark. Lottery from the previous academic year.	7/24/2019
SB 407	<u>Act 618</u>	Bond	Amends provisions of the Arkansas Futures Grant, including the fields of study that are within the scope of the program, and student mentoring and community service requirements.	7/24/2019

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Miscellaneous				
HB1231	Act 395	Lowery	Establishes the right of student journalists to engage in free speech in school-sponsored media	7/24/2019
HB 1484	Act 954	Watson/Flippo	Requires unclaimed deceased persons to be sent to the State Crime Laboratory for scientific identification. Sets or amends other required actions of law enforcement, counties and any medical schools that accept a body.	7/24/2019
HB 1607	Act 604	Dotson/Ballinger	Adds institutions of higher education to the required display of In God We Trust posters that is currently in effect for public school districts	7/24/2019
HB 1684	Act 844	Douglas	Requires that graduates of a public or private high school in Arkansas must have resided in the state for three years at the time of their application to a state supported institution of higher learning in order to qualify for in-state tuition.	7/24/2019
SB 140	Act 369	English	Makes changes to state-supported work-based learning programs; places approval authority for public cosmetological schools with the Higher Education Coordinating Board rather than the Career Education and Workforce Development Board	7/24/2019
SB 141	Act 235	English	Requires state-supported technical institutes to provide electronic access to the Economic Security Report of Employment and Earnings Outcomes prepared by the Department of Workforce Services.	7/24/2019
SB 156	Act 184	Ballinger/Sullivan	Requires state-supported institutions of higher learning to adopt a policy of free expression that ensures the rights of students to engage in noncommercial expressive activity; creates a cause of action against institutions in violation.	7/24/2019
SB 228	Act 204	Hickey/Dalby	Changes the name of the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope to the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana.	7/1/2019
SB 528	Act 633	Dismang	Clarifies the exemption of private colleges and universities from Act 184 of 2019, the Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act.	7/24/2019
SB 619	Act 1084	Eads/Vaught	Amends the membership requirements for the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board thereby changing its composition; requires members in positions on a higher education institution board to resign as a qualification to serve; more.	7/24/2019
SB 659	Act 944	English/Cozart	Allows state-supported two-year institutions of higher education to market, offer courses or provide services to any individual who resides in the state, regardless of the service area.	7/24/2019
SB 231		Hammer	Redefines "public records" and the Freedom of Information Act to extend to a private entity expending a minimum of 20 percent of its time, resources and efforts in support of a government entity.	
SB 232		Hammer	Creates mandatory structures for employee contracts with institutions of higher learning, providing for non-retroactivity of rules, rights or procedures in defined instances. The provisions and associated penalties apply to all extant contracts.	

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<u>General</u>				
HB 1522	<u>Act 462</u>	House/Garner	Extends various state benefits and exemptions that are applied to members of the U.S. Armed Forces to members of the Arkansas National Guard who are on active duty.	7/24/2019
HB 1706	<u>Act 914</u>	Bragg/Hester	Increases the dollar amounts of annual public employee career service recognition payments.	4/11/2019
HB 1776	<u>Act 674</u>	Love/Ballinger	Amends provisions for state agency building design practices and the role of the Arkansas Energy Office in recommending energy consumption policies.	7/24/2019
SB 457	<u>Act 884</u>	Ballinger	Repeals the State Land Use Committee which is appointed by the Commissioner of State Lands; removes the requirement that the Commissioner appoint an appraiser for all lands to be sold that are larger than 10 acres.	7/24/2019