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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ARKANSAS HIGHER
10 EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT; TO CLARIFY WHAT INFORMATION
11 SPECIFIC HIGHER EDUCATION RELATED REPORTS SHOULD
12 CONTAIN; TO REQUIRE SOME HIGHER EDUCATION RELATED
13 REPORTS TO BE UPDATED ANNUALLY; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code §§ 6-60-703 and 6-60-704 are amended to read
27 as follows:

28 6-60-703. Report.

29 (a)(1) The Comprehensive Arkansas Higher Education Annual Report shall
30 be submitted by the Department of Higher Education to the House Committee on
31 Education and Senate Committee on Education, the President Pro Tempore of the
32 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor no
33 later than December ~~1, 2009~~ 15, 2011, and each year thereafter.

34 (2) The Comprehensive Arkansas Higher Education Annual Report
35 shall be posted on the department website for public inspection no later than
36 ~~December 8, 2009~~ January 1, 2012, and each year thereafter.



1 (b)~~(1)~~ The Comprehensive Arkansas Higher Education Annual Report shall
 2 consist of ~~all higher education reports currently required by the General~~
 3 ~~Assembly, including without limitation reports pertaining to~~ the following
 4 reports:

5 (1) Annually:

6 (A) Scholarship programs, including without limitation the
 7 Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program ~~and the report required by~~
 8 ~~Acts 2001, No. 1520;~~

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

11 (C) The Voluntary Universal ACT Assessment Program, § 6-
 12 18-1608;

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

14 (E) ~~Budgets, § 6-61-209, updated each even-numbered year;~~

15 ~~(F) Retention plans, retention~~ Retention rates, and
 16 graduation rates, ~~including minority retention, §§ 6-61-1311, 6-61-220, and~~
 17 ~~6-61-122;~~

18 ~~(G) Reporting standards, § 6-61-222, updated each even-~~
 19 ~~numbered year;~~

20 ~~(H)~~(F) Athletic expenditures, § 6-62-106;

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

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

23 ~~(K)~~(G) Student enrollment, § 6-60-209;

24 ~~(L) Economic development goals and educational efforts, §~~
 25 ~~6-61-207; and~~

26 ~~(M)~~(H) Affirmative action programs summaries, § 6-63-103+;

27 (2) Biennially, each even-numbered year:

28 (A) Changes to Productivity Enhancement for Undergraduate
 29 Higher Education Program plans, § 6-61-1311;

30 (B) Uniform reporting standards, § 6-61-222;

31 (C) Changes to affirmative action program plans, § 6-63-
 32 103; and

33 (D) Economic development goals and educational efforts, §
 34 6-61-207; and

35 (3) Every five (5) years, beginning in 2015:

36 (A) Minority retention plans, § 6-61-122; and

1 (B) Affirmative action program plans, § 6-63-103(c).

2 (c)(1) All deadlines for higher education reports currently required
3 by the General Assembly are superseded by subsection ~~(a)~~(b) of this section
4 unless otherwise specified in this subchapter.

5 ~~(3)~~(2) All financial reports provided to the Arkansas Higher
6 Education Coordinating Board shall be included in the report, including the
7 Higher Education Financial Conditions Report.

8 ~~(e)~~(d) All future higher education reports statutorily required by the
9 General Assembly shall:

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

12 (2) Include a fiscal impact on administrative costs to the
13 department.

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15 6-60-704. Information submitted to the Department of Higher Education
16 for inclusion in the report.

17 (a) All higher education reports submitted to the General Assembly or
18 other governmental bodies by individual colleges and universities, agencies,
19 boards, or commissions shall be submitted directly to the Department of
20 Higher Education no later than ~~October 1, 2009~~ November 1, 2011, and each
21 year thereafter for inclusion in the Comprehensive Arkansas Higher Education
22 Annual Report.

23 (b) If an institution of higher education fails to submit the required
24 reports to the department by ~~October 15~~ November 15, the institutions shall
25 appear before the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on
26 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 the Division of Legislative Audit, and any
29 adjustments made to previously submitted financial information during the
30 course of a financial audit may be revised based upon recommendations made by
31 the division.

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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-61-221(d), concerning reports on
34 remediation, is amended to read as follows:

35 (d)(1) The Department of Higher Education shall ~~provide the reports~~
36 include the reports developed under this section annually in the

1 Comprehensive Arkansas Higher Education Annual Report and provide an
 2 electronic copy to the:

- 3 (A) Department of Education, ~~the;~~
- 4 (B) Department of Career Education, ~~the;~~
- 5 (C) Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, ~~the;~~
- 6 (D) Governor, ~~the;~~
- 7 (E) House Committee on Education, ~~the;~~
- 8 (F) Senate Committee on Education, ~~and the;~~
- 9 (G) State Board of Education, ~~;~~ and
- 10 (H) School district administrators for each public high

11 school.

12 (2) The reports developed under this section shall be prepared
 13 on or before October 1 each year and include the cost of remediation for each
 14 state-supported institution of higher education, which shall be submitted to
 15 the Department of Higher Education according to standards developed by the
 16 Department of Higher Education and shall include for each state-supported
 17 institution of higher education:

18 (A) The amount of institutional revenue spent on
 19 remediation;

20 (B) The total general revenue subsidy spent on
 21 remediation;

22 (C) The total institutional expenditure for remediation;
 23 and

24 (D) The general revenue percentage of total expenditures
 25 for remediation.

26 (3) The report required under this subsection shall be separate
 27 from the uniform reporting standards report required under § 6-61-222.

28 ~~(A) Provided to each public high school and to school~~
 29 ~~district administrators by the Department of Education; and~~

30 ~~(B) Included in the Comprehensive Arkansas Higher~~
 31 ~~Education Annual Report.~~

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 33 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-61-222, concerning uniform reporting
 34 standards, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

35 (d) The report required under this section shall be separate from the
 36 cost-of-remediation reports required under § 6-61-221.

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2 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-63-103 is amended to read as follows:

3 6-63-103. Affirmative action programs – Plans – Annual reports.

4 (a)(1) ~~All~~ Each state-supported ~~colleges and universities~~ institution
5 of higher education shall prepare an affirmative action program for the
6 recruitment of ~~blacks~~ African-Americans and other members of minorities for
7 faculty and staff positions and for enrollment as students.

8 (2) Affirmative action plans shall be prepared on a continuing
9 basis for future five-year periods.

10 (b)(1) Each state-supported ~~college and university~~ institution of
11 higher education shall ~~annually~~ prepare annually a summary report on the
12 steps that have been taken to reach the goals of the plan.

13 (2) The report shall ~~include~~ :

14 (A) Include information on the progress made by ~~the~~
15 ~~institutions~~ each institution for the various levels of employment within the
16 institution-; and

17 (B) Be presented in a table format limited to no more than
18 five (5) pages.

19 (c) Copies of ~~each institution's~~ the five-year plan and annual reports
20 summaries of each institution of higher education shall be included in the
21 Comprehensive Higher Education Annual Report, filed with the Governor, the
22 Department of Higher Education, the president and board of trustees of the
23 institution, the board of visitors of the institution, if applicable, and the
24 interim House ~~interim~~ Committee Committee on Education and the interim Senate
25 ~~interim~~ Committee on Education.

26 (d) In carrying out the affirmative action plans, each institution of
27 higher education shall provide for a part-time or full-time employee to
28 assist the institution in the recruitment of ~~blacks~~ African-Americans and
29 other members of minorities for faculty and staff positions and for
30 enrollment as students.

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33 **APPROVED: 03/24/2011**