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UNPLANNED PREGNANCY PREVENTION ANNUAL REPORT

Under Act 943 of 2015, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) was directed to develop an action plan to address unplanned pregnancies on college campuses and to submit annual reports on implementation by November 1 to the Arkansas General Assembly via the House and Senate Education Committees and the House and Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees.

The legislation directs higher education institutions in nine areas. Among those directives colleges and universities are: to identify methods of addressing the problem of unplanned pregnancy, to collaborate with health centers, to identify a measure of success, and to incorporate into academic coursework "as appropriate". *The legislation mandates that campuses include information in their orientations on the prevention of unplanned pregnancy.*

The annual IHE reports have been collected by the Division of Higher Education for 2025-2026. The department is able to report that all eleven public four-year universities and all 22 two-year campuses have submitted reports and are in compliance with Act 943. All campuses report incorporating information on unplanned pregnancy into their student orientation and most report collaborative efforts with community and state organizations. All four-year universities have continued to incorporate information on the prevention of unplanned pregnancy into at least some of their academic coursework. Additional resources are offered by the majority of campuses, both four-year and two-year.

ADHE will place this report, along with reports from select campuses, on the ADHE website.