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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1666

By: Representative Sabin

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION SERVICES TO ENTERING STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION SERVICES TO ENTERING STUDENTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-60-111. Information on mental health and suicide prevention services.

(a) As used in this section, "institution of higher education" means an institution of higher education that is a:

(1) State-supported two-year or four-year college or university;

or

(2) Private, nonprofit two-year or four-year college or university with its primary headquarters located in Arkansas that is eligible to receive Title IV federal student aid funds.

(b) An institution of higher education shall provide to each entering full-time undergraduate, graduate, or professional student, including transfer students to the institution of higher education, information about:



(1) Available mental health and suicide prevention services offered by the institution of higher education or by any associated organization or program; and

(2) Early warning signs that are often present in and appropriate intervention for a person who may be considering suicide.

(c) The information required under subsection (b) of this section may:

(1) Be provided through:

(A) A live presentation; or

(B) A format that allows for student interaction, including an online program or video; and

(2) Not be provided in a paper format only.

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