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SENATE BILL**

By: Senator J. English

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REVIEW BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION OF
HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
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PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Review of financial assistance programs.

(a) The House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education shall conduct a review of the higher education financial assistance programs available for Arkansas residents.

(b) The review shall determine whether the financial assistance programs available for residents of this state are:

(1) Designed around Arkansas students and their needs;

(2) Goal-driven and data-informed and have a clearly defined and easily understood intent aligned with measurable state education and workforce goals;

(3) Timely and flexible and provide financial support to students when the financial support can have the greatest impact on enrollment and persistence decisions; and

(4) Broadly inclusive of all students' educational pathways and responsive to the diverse enrollment options available to students.

(c) The House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education may consult with individuals or entities, both within the state and from outside the state, for the purpose of conducting the review.

(d) Upon request of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education, the Department of Higher Education, the Department of Education, the Department of Career Education, and any other agency, department, or commission of this state shall provide the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education with assistance in conducting the review.

(e) By September 1, 2020, the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education shall:

(1) Complete the review; and

(2) Deliver the results of the review to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor.

Referred by Representative F. Allen

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