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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1601

By: Representatives L. Johnson, *McGruder*

By: *Senator J. Dotson*

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT REGARDING HIGHER EDUCATION; TO REQUIRE STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE CAREER COUNSELING AND OTHER RESOURCES TO CERTAIN STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE CAREER COUNSELING AND OTHER RESOURCES TO CERTAIN 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:

6-60-123. Requirement for career counseling and other career-related resources – Definition.

(a) As used in this section, "career-related resources" includes without limitation information about:

(1) Available career and technical training; and

(2) Trade industries that provide employment opportunities.

(b) The Division of Higher Education shall maintain an accessible location on its website with a link for career counseling and other career-related resources that are available to students and provided by state-supported institutions of higher education.

(c) A state-supported institution of higher education shall:

(1) Maintain on its website a link to the division's career



counseling and other career-related resources available to students; and

(2) Take appropriate steps to inform students of career counseling and other career-related resources, including without limitation how to access the information at the state-supported institution of higher education and from the division.

(d) The career counseling and other career-related services offered by a state-supported institution of higher education shall remain available to a student who has not yet graduated for up to six (6) months after the student is no longer enrolled at the state-supported institution of higher education, upon request.

(e) This section does not apply to a concurrently enrolled student or a student who has enrolled at a subsequent institution of higher education.

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