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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1392

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING INTERNSHIPS AND EXTERNSHIPS; TO ALLOW FOR ALTERNATIVE COURSEWORK AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR AN INTERNSHIP OR EXTERNSHIP REQUIREMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW FOR ALTERNATIVE COURSEWORK AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR AN INTERNSHIP OR EXTERNSHIP REQUIREMENT.

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:

6-60-113. Internship or externship – Not required.

(a)(1) As used in this section, "internship or externship" means a designated experience within a program of study that provides a student who is enrolled at a public institution of higher education with practice in a student's specific degree area.

(2) "Internship or externship" includes without limitation a period of time that a student spends with a person who has a career in the student's specific degree area.

(b) Except as otherwise required by law or by licensing requirements, if a mandatory course at a public institution of higher education includes the requirement that a student who is enrolled in the course complete an internship or externship, it shall offer as a substitute to the internship or



externship requirement:

(1)(A) An alternative program available to a student who is enrolled in the course.

(B) An alternative program allowed under subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section shall provide a student who is enrolled in the course with practice in the student's specific degree area; or

(2) A placement in an internship or externship that is arranged for and provided to a student who is enrolled in the course.