

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 508

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By: Representatives Lowery, Beck, Bentley, Berry, Capp, Cloud, Cozart, Della Rosa, Dotson, D. Douglas, Jett, Petty, Pilkington, Richmond, Slape

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE HIGHER EDUCATION PRODUCTIVITY-BASED FUNDING MODEL; TO AMEND THE MEANS BY WHICH FUNDING IS DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE PRODUCTIVITY-BASED FUNDING MODEL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE MEANS BY WHICH FUNDING IS DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE PRODUCTIVITY-BASED FUNDING MODEL.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative intent.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) It is a priority of the current Governor and this legislature that the number of Arkansans who attain post-secondary degrees increase to sixty percent (60%) by the year 2025; and

(2) Funding to state-supported institutions of higher education should align with statewide priorities for higher education through outcomes-based funding.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-61-234(f), concerning the higher education productivity-based funding model, is amended to read as follows:

(f)(1) ~~In any fiscal year for which the aggregate general revenue~~



~~funding forecast to be available for state-supported institutions of higher education is greater than two percent (2%) less than the amount provided for the immediate previous fiscal year, the department shall not further implement the productivity-based funding model until the following fiscal year~~ To facilitate an increased emphasis on productivity funding, by fiscal year 2028-2029, the existing allocation of base funding under the Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101 et seq., for state-supported institutions of higher education shall be based one-hundred percent (100%) on productivity and funded equally per productivity point among the four-year and two-year state-supported institutions of higher education.

(2) Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, funds distributed through the productivity-based funding model under this section shall be increased by ten percent (10%) each year for a period of ten (10) years, with a total increase of one hundred percent (100%) by the tenth year.

(3) Beginning in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, any new funds that are allocated to a state-supported institution of higher education shall be distributed equally per productivity point among the state-supported four-year and two-year institutions of higher education.