

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1728

By: Representative Ennett

By: Senator B. Davis

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING HIGHER EDUCATION;
TO REQUIRE REPORTING ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS
RECEIVING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR A DISABILITY AT
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; TO AMEND THE
COMPREHENSIVE ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT
TO INCLUDE REPORTING ON STUDENTS RECEIVING
ACCOMMODATIONS FOR A DISABILITY; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE REPORTING ON THE NUMBER OF
STUDENTS RECEIVING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR A
DISABILITY AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
EDUCATION.

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. Findings – Students with disabilities.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The state does not collect or report statewide data to examine the postsecondary outcomes for students with disabilities;

(2) The lack of information on postsecondary outcomes for students with disabilities prevents the state from connecting students with disabilities to the workforce; and

(3) In order to meet the economic demands of the state, it is



essential to collect significant data and examine the postsecondary services, supports, and accommodations necessary for students with disabilities to improve postsecondary education and career outcomes.

(b)(1) An institution of higher education that is eligible to receive Title IV federal student aid funds shall report annually to the Division of Higher Education the number of students with disabilities at the institution of higher education based upon the number of students with disabilities who are registered to receive accommodations.

(2) The report under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall include key data related to undergraduate students enrolled at the institution of higher education who are formally registered as students with disabilities with the office of disability services or an equivalent office at the institution of higher education including without limitation the:

(A) Number of students registered to receive accommodations;

(B) Percentage of students registered to receive accommodations of all undergraduate students; and

(C) Total number of undergraduate certificates or degrees awarded to students with disabilities who are registered to receive accommodations.

(3) An institution of higher education is not required to submit the information described in subdivision (b)(2) of this section if the:

(A) Number of students would reveal personally identifiable information about an individual student; or

(B) Total number of students with disabilities is less than three percent (3%) of the total student population.

(c) The division shall include the number of students with disabilities registered to receive accommodations included in the report under subdivision (b)(1) of this section in the Comprehensive Arkansas Higher Education Annual Report required under § 6-60-703.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-60-703(b)(1), concerning the reports required for the Comprehensive Arkansas Higher Education Annual Report, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(I) Students with disabilities, § 6-60-123;

/s/Ennett