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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1601

5 By: Representatives L. Johnson, *McGruder*
6 By: *Senator J. Dotson*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

15 TO REQUIRE STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS
16 OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE CAREER
17 COUNSELING AND OTHER RESOURCES TO
18 CERTAIN STUDENTS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, Subchapter 1, is amended
24 to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 6-60-123. Requirement for career counseling and other career-related
26 resources – Definition.

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

29 (1) Available career and technical training; and

30 (2) Trade industries that provide employment opportunities.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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14 */s/L. Johnson*

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