

State of Arkansas

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95th General Assembly

## A Bill

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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



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

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

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

14 (A) Number of students registered to receive  
15 accommodations;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 (I) Students with disabilities, § 6-60-123;  
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*/s/Ennett*

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