

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

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6 G. Smith, Stewart, *Abernathy*
7 By: Senators G. Baker, Madison

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10 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

11 AN ACT TO REQUIRE CLEAR EXIT STANDARDS FOR ALL
12 REMEDIAL COURSES TAKEN AT STATE-SUPPORTED
13 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; TO IMPROVE THE
14 TEACHING TECHNIQUES OF REMEDIAL COURSES; AND FOR
15 OTHER PURPOSES.

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17 **Subtitle**

18 TO REQUIRE CLEAR EXIT STANDARDS FOR ALL
19 REMEDIAL COURSES TAKEN AT STATE-
20 SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
21 EDUCATION AND TO IMPROVE THE TEACHING
22 TECHNIQUES OF REMEDIAL COURSES.

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

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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-61-110 is amended to read as follows:

28 6-61-110. Testing of entering freshmen for remedial courses.

29 (a) ~~All~~ A first-time entering ~~freshmen~~ freshman at ~~all~~ a state-
30 supported ~~colleges and universities in Arkansas~~ institution of higher
31 education who ~~are~~ is admitted to enroll in ~~all~~ an associate or a bachelor's
32 degree ~~programs~~ program shall be tested by the admitting institution for
33 purposes of placement in either college-level credit courses in English and
34 mathematics or remedial courses in English composition, reading, and
35 mathematics.



1 (b) Remedial courses shall not provide credit toward a degree.

2 (c)(1) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
3 determine the:

4 ~~(A) tests~~ Test to be used;

5 ~~(B) the testing~~ Testing procedures and exemptions; and

6 ~~(C) the minimum~~ Minimum scores below which students at all
7 state-supported institutions of higher education must take remedial courses.

8 (2) The board shall base these decisions on:

9 ~~(A) consultation~~ Consultation with representatives of the
10 state-supported institutions of higher education;

11 ~~(B) analysis~~ Analysis of the placement procedures
12 presently used by institutions in ~~Arkansas~~ the state;

13 ~~(C) statewide~~ Statewide placement testing programs in
14 other states; and

15 ~~(D) pilot~~ Pilot projects involving testing of entering
16 freshmen at selected institutions in ~~Arkansas~~ the state.

17 (3) The board, in collaboration with state-supported
18 institutions of higher education, shall develop by institution uniform
19 measurable exit standards for remedial courses that are comparable to the ACT
20 or SAT equivalent required for college-level enrollment in credit courses to
21 be implemented no later than the fall semester of 2010.

22 (d)(1) The board shall work with state-supported institutions of
23 higher education to:

24 (A) Develop innovative alternatives to traditional
25 instruction and delivery methods for remedial courses; and

26 (B) Provide professional development opportunities to help
27 remedial education faculty gain knowledge in best practices and trends in the
28 instruction and delivery of remedial education.

29 (2) The board shall report to the House Committee on Education
30 and the Senate Committee on Education by February 1, 2010 on the progress
31 made in addressing the requirements in subdivision (d)(1) of this section.

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33 /s/ J. Roebuck

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35 **APPROVED: 4/6/2009**