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A Bill

SENATE BILL 619

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION
10 COORDINATING BOARD; TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP
11 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION
12 COORDINATING BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR
16 THE ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION
17 COORDINATING BOARD.
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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 § 6-61-201 is amended to read as follows:
24 6-61-201. Members – Meetings.

25 (a)(1) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall consist
26 of twelve (12) members appointed by the Governor as follows:

27 ~~(A) Three (3) members shall be selected from the current~~
28 ~~or recent membership of the boards of public two-year colleges. If the person~~
29 ~~selected is serving on the membership of the board of a public two-year~~
30 ~~campus, the person shall relinquish his or her membership on the board;~~

31 ~~(B) Three (3) members shall be selected from the current~~
32 ~~or recent membership of the boards of public four-year colleges or university~~
33 ~~campuses. If the person selected is serving on the membership of the board of~~
34 ~~a public four-year campus, the person shall relinquish his or her membership~~
35 ~~on the board; and~~

36 (A)(i) Six (6) members who shall be:



1 (a) Qualified electors of the State of
 2 Arkansas; and

3 (b) Graduates of public two-year or four-year
 4 institutions of higher education within the state.

5 (ii) If an appointee under this subdivision
 6 (a)(1)(A) is serving as a member of a board of a two-year or four-year
 7 institution of higher education at the time of appointment to the Arkansas
 8 Higher Education Coordinating Board, the appointee shall relinquish his or
 9 her membership on the board of the two-year or four-year institution of
 10 higher education; and

11 ~~(C)(i)(B)(i)~~ Six (6) members shall be selected from
 12 business, industry, education, agriculturally related industry, and medical
 13 services and shall not be current members of a board of a public two-year or
 14 four-year ~~campus~~ institution of higher education.

15 (ii) At least one (1) of the appointees shall have a
 16 strong interest in and commitment to economic and workforce development.

17 (iii) At least one (1) of the appointees shall have
 18 experience in the knowledge-based technology field.

19 (2) No more than four (4) members of the ~~board~~ Arkansas Higher
 20 Education Coordinating Board shall be appointed from any one (1)
 21 congressional district as the districts exist at the time of the appointment.

22 ~~(3) No more than two (2) members of the board at any one (1)~~
 23 ~~time shall be graduates of an undergraduate program of any one (1) state~~
 24 ~~university or college.~~

25 ~~(b)(1) After the appointment of the initial board, the members to be~~
 26 ~~appointed from recent or current boards of two-year and four-year campuses~~
 27 ~~shall be appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate.~~

28 ~~(2) The Governor shall consult the Presidents Council before~~
 29 ~~making an appointment under this section.~~

30 ~~(e)(b)~~ Vacancies on the ~~board~~ Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating
 31 Board shall be filled for the unexpired terms, and the appointments shall be
 32 made in the same manner as the positions vacated.

33 ~~(d)(1)(c)(1)~~ The members of the ~~board~~ Arkansas Higher Education
 34 Coordinating Board shall serve staggered terms of six (6) years.

35 (2) The terms of two (2) members shall expire each year.

36 ~~(3) The members may serve no more than two (2) terms.~~

