A Bill

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND BOARDS OF PUBLICLY SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL COMPLETE INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING IN THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR POSITIONS WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR OF THEIR APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

"TO REQUIRE THAT MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION HAVE TRAINING IN THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-61-202(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) In order to promote a coordinated system of higher education in Arkansas and to assure an orderly and effective development of each of the publicly supported institutions of higher education, the board shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To receive within one (1) year of their appointment and each year thereafter a minimum of eight (8) clock hours of instruction and training to include higher education issues, policies, laws, and the duties and responsibilities associated with the position of board member. The members of the boards of all publicly supported institutions of higher education shall receive similar instruction and training within one (1) year of their appointment or election and each year thereafter, which shall be conducted by the individual institutions."
(2) Along with its director, to be responsible, within fiscal and staff capabilities, for directing an integrated program for defining, popularizing, and securing acceptance of the major goals and objectives of higher education in Arkansas and for relating them to the state's various problems.

(3) To request and receive any information from the publicly supported institutions of higher education as the board deems necessary for the performance of its duties.

(4) To promulgate and adopt uniform definitions and forms in such matters as financial reporting, academic statistics, and resident status of students for use in making financial recommendations and standard enrollment data to be followed by the institutions of higher learning.

(5) To determine the need for and recommend to the Governor and the General Assembly the establishment and location of any new institutions and to recommend, when appropriate, changes in names of existing state-supported institutions of higher learning.

(6) To recommend the level of funding and the method of distribution of state-supported scholarships and loan programs and to seek the cooperation of the state-supported institutions of higher learning to develop policies to coordinate all student loan and scholarship programs, including those federally financed.

(7) To review all proposed bond issues to be made by any public institution of higher learning and to advise the board of trustees of each of the respective institutions as to economic feasibility thereof, as set forth in § 6-62-306."

SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.
SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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