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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1666

5 By: Representative Sabin
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO
9 PROVIDE INFORMATION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE
10 PREVENTION SERVICES TO ENTERING STUDENTS; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 EDUCATION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON
16 MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION
17 SERVICES TO ENTERING 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 6-60-111. Information on mental health and suicide prevention
26 services.

27 (a) As used in this section, "institution of higher education" means
28 an institution of higher education that is a:

29 (1) State-supported two-year or four-year college or university;
30 or

31 (2) Private, nonprofit two-year or four-year college or
32 university with its primary headquarters located in Arkansas that is eligible
33 to receive Title IV federal student aid funds.

34 (b) An institution of higher education shall provide to each entering
35 full-time undergraduate, graduate, or professional student, including
36 transfer students to the institution of higher education, information about:



1 (1) Available mental health and suicide prevention services
2 offered by the institution of higher education or by any associated
3 organization or program; and

4 (2) Early warning signs that are often present in and
5 appropriate intervention for a person who may be considering suicide.

6 (c) The information required under subsection (b) of this section may:

7 (1) Be provided through:

8 (A) A live presentation; or

9 (B) A format that allows for student interaction,
10 including an online program or video; and

11 (2) Not be provided in a paper format only.

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14 **APPROVED: 04/06/2017**