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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1392

5 By: Representative Dalby  
6 By: Senator Hickey  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING INTERNSHIPS AND EXTERNSHIPS; TO  
10 ALLOW FOR ALTERNATIVE COURSEWORK AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR  
11 AN INTERNSHIP OR EXTERNSHIP REQUIREMENT; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO ALLOW FOR ALTERNATIVE COURSEWORK AS A  
16 SUBSTITUTE FOR AN INTERNSHIP OR  
17 EXTERNSHIP REQUIREMENT.  
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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 6-60-113. Internship or externship – Not required.

26 (a)(1) As used in this section, "internship or externship" means a  
27 designated experience within a program of study that provides a student who  
28 is enrolled at a public institution of higher education with practice in a  
29 student's specific degree area.

30 (2) "Internship or externship" includes without limitation a  
31 period of time that a student spends with a person who has a career in the  
32 student's specific degree area.

33 (b) Except as otherwise required by law or by licensing requirements,  
34 if a mandatory course at a public institution of higher education includes  
35 the requirement that a student who is enrolled in the course complete an  
36 internship or externship, it shall offer as a substitute to the internship or



1 externship requirement:

2 (1)(A) An alternative program available to a student who is  
3 enrolled in the course.

4 (B) An alternative program allowed under subdivision  
5 (b)(1)(A) of this section shall provide a student who is enrolled in the  
6 course with practice in the student's specific degree area; or

7 (2) A placement in an internship or externship that is arranged  
8 for and provided to a student who is enrolled in the course.

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