

Legislative Mandate for Program Viability

In 1996, the Alabama legislature adopted a series of bills related to higher education, one of which became known as the "program viability" law. Act 96-557 added paragraphs (a)(2), (a)(3), and (a)(4) to Section 16-5-8 of the Commission's statute. This addition requires that the Commission enforce, monitor, and report on minimum degree productivity standards for all existing programs of instruction at public two-year and four-year institutions of higher education. For a copy of the statute, refer to [Code of Alabama](#).