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Arkansas Governor Hutchinson Elected SREB Chair

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*The Southern Regional Education Board works with states to improve public education at every level, from early childhood through doctoral education. A nonprofit, nonpartisan organization based in Atlanta, SREB was created in 1948 by Southern governors and legislatures to advance education and improve the social and economic life of the region. SREB member states are Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West*

## Governor Hutchinson of Arkansas Elected Chair of the Southern Regional Education Board

Chancellor Johnson of Oklahoma is vice chair, Senator Plymale of West Virginia treasurer.

LAC officers are Representative Dickson of Georgia and Senator Tate of Tennessee.

*Naples, Florida — June 30, 2015 —* Governor Asa Hutchinson of Arkansas was elected chair of the Southern Regional Education Board at the organization's annual meeting in Naples, Florida.

As chair of SREB's 80-member Board, Governor Hutchinson will work with other governors, legislators and state education leaders to pursue goals for improving public education and student achievement across the region at every level, from early childhood through doctoral education. Board chairs are elected to one-year terms.

"I am honored to serve as chair of the Southern Regional Education Board," said Governor Hutchinson. "Together, with the knowledge and expertise of the SREB members, I look forward to

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improving our nation's public education system, including a continued emphasis on exposing our students to computer science and setting them on the path to success and jobs of the future. Thank you for providing me with this great opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our future leaders."

### SREB Officers

Other officers were elected at SREB's meetings in Naples this week:

**Glen D. Johnson**, chancellor of the **Oklahoma** State Regents for Higher Education was elected vice chair of the Board. He chairs SREB's Commission on College Affordability in the South, which will report recommendations in 2016. He joined the SREB Board in 2010.

Senator **Robert H. Plymale** of Huntington, **West Virginia**, was re-elected for a third term as treasurer of the Board. A member of the West Virginia legislature since 1993, he has been an SREB Board member since 2003.

### SREB Legislative Advisory Council officers

Representative **Tom Dickson** of Varnell, **Georgia**, was elected chair of SREB's Legislative Advisory Council at the group's annual Legislative Work Conference, held in conjunction with the SREB annual meeting. Dickson chairs the Georgia House appropriations subcommittee on economic development and tourism and is a member of the House education committee. Dickson has served on the Legislative Advisory Council since 2008 and succeeds state senator Joyce Elliott of Arkansas as chair of the group.

State Senator **Reginald Tate** of Memphis,

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Tennessee, was elected vice chair of SREB's Legislative Advisory Council. Tate is first vice chair of Tennessee's Senate Education Committee and has been a member of the Legislative Advisory Council since 2007.

SREB's Legislative Advisory Council meets regularly to give guidance to Board programs and address current education topics.

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