

AMERICAN PUBLIC EDUCATION INC  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Wilkins Harry T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN PUBLIC EDUCATION INC [APEI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/14/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP, Chief Financial Officer

111 W. CONGRESS STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock, par value \$.01   | 11/14/2007                           |                                                    | A                              | (A) Amount<br>14,520<br>(1)                                       | (D) Price<br>\$ 0<br>(2)                                                                      | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01   |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 45,611.5 (3)                                                                                  | I                                                        | By Wilkins Asset Management, Inc.                     |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01   |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 99,000 (3)                                                                                    | I                                                        | By WLM Investments, LLC                               |

