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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1180

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 6-82-1202 AND
9 6-82-1203 TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS WHICH MAY
10 BE AWARDED UNDER THE POLICE CORPS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

"AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS
WHICH MAY BE AWARDED UNDER THE POLICE CORPS
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM."

18 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:**

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20 **SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated 6-82-1202 is amended to read as follows:**

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"6-82-1202. Arkansas Police Corps Planning Commission - Arkansas Police Corps

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Program.

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(a) There is hereby established the Arkansas Police Corps Planning Commission.

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(b) The commission shall be appointed by the Governor, and shall have eleven (11)

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members:

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(1) The Director of the Department of Higher Education;

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(2) The Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police;

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(3) The Director of the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy;

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(4) A representative of the Arkansas Municipal Police Association;

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(5) A representative of the Arkansas Sheriff's Association;

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(6) A representative of the Arkansas Police Chiefs Association;

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(7) Two (2) faculty or administrators from institutions of higher education

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with accredited criminal justice programs;

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(8) Two (2) higher education financial aid administrators; and

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(9) One (1) active certified law enforcement officer.

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(c) The commission shall develop a state plan for implementation of the Arkansas

1 **Police Corps Program:**

2 **(1) Such plan shall be based on results of a survey of Arkansas law enforcement**
3 **agencies, to be completed by January 1, 1992, regarding projected manpower needs over a**
4 **five-year period.**

5 **(2) The plan shall include rules and regulations for operation of the Arkansas**
6 **Police Corps Program and the Arkansas Police Corps Scholarship Program to be promulgated**
7 **by the commission no later than January 1, 1992.**

8 **(d) The police corps training plan adopted by the commission shall:**

9 **(1) Provide for the screening and selection of police corps participants;**

10 **(2) State procedures for assignment of participants in the Arkansas Police**
11 **Corps to state, municipal police, and sheriffs_ offices; and**

12 **(3) Such other rules and regulations as may be necessary to provide for the**
13 **training of program participants, operation of the program, and administration of the**
14 **scholarship program.**

15 **(e) Should the federal government create a national police corps program, the**
16 **Arkansas Police Corps Planning Commission shall be the entity designated to administer the**
17 **state's participation in the federal program.**

18 ***(f) Based on available funding, a minimum of fifty (50) Police Corps Scholarships***
19 ***shall be awarded no later than June 30, 1993, for part-time study at an approved Arkansas***
20 ***institution of higher education. A minimum of twelve (12) credit hours per year must be***
21 ***satisfactorily completed each academic year.***

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23 **SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated 6-82-1203 is amended to read as follows:**
24 **"6-82-1203. Number, amount, eligibility, and award of scholarships.**

25 **(a)(1) The number of scholarships awarded annually under this program cannot**
26 **exceed the expected number of officers needed by Arkansas police forces or other law**
27 **enforcement agencies; this number shall be determined from results of the statewide**
28 **manpower survey required under §6-82-1202.**

29 **(2) In no case, however, shall the number of new scholarships awarded each**
30 **year through this program be more than fifty (50). *Any scholarships awarded under this***
31 ***program shall be contingent on the availability of sufficient funds from a revenue source***
32 ***dedicated to this purpose;***

33 **(3) Additionally, the total number of scholarships shall not exceed two hundred**
34 **and fifty (250) at any one time.**

35 **(4) Any scholarships awarded under this program shall be contingent on the**

1 availability of sufficient funds from a revenue source dedicated to this purpose.

2 **(b)(1)** Scholarship recipients shall receive a police corps scholarship equal to the
3 lesser of one thousand five hundred fifty dollars (\$1,550) or actual tuition costs.

4 **(2)** Each non-law enforcement recipient shall be required to successfully
5 complete the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy curriculum for basic certification
6 after completing a course of study which results in receipt of a bachelor's degree.

7 **(3)** A scholarship recipient who fails to secure a full-time paid position as a
8 police officer or law enforcement officer within one **(1)** year of graduating from college and
9 from the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy shall repay, with interest, the amount
10 of any scholarship funds received under this subchapter.

11 **(4)** Recipients of scholarship awards shall also be required to complete one **(1)**
12 full year of service as a state, municipal, or sheriff_s department law enforcement officer for
13 *every twenty-four (24) hours attempted in which scholarship aid was received under the*
14 *program. Failure to meet this service obligation shall mean that the scholarship recipient*
15 *must repay, with interest, the amount of any scholarship funds received under this subchapter.*

16 **(5)** Scholarship recipients shall be selected by the commission.

17 **(c)** Scholarship awards shall be renewable for up to three **(3)** additional years of study,
18 provided that recipients meet continuing eligibility criteria established through program rules
19 and regulations.

20 **(d)** For academic years 1992-93 through 1996-97, eligible recipients shall include
21 *only current law enforcement officers. Beginning with new scholarships awarded for the*
22 *1997-98 academic year, eligibility for scholarships can include applicants who intend to enter*
23 *the field of law enforcement but are not employed, and have not worked previously, as law*
24 *enforcement officers in addition to current law enforcement officers. Further, consideration*
25 *may be given by the commission to awarding scholarships to current law enforcement officers.*

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28 **SECTION 3.** All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are
29 amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision
30 Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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32 **SECTION 4.** If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or
33 circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of
34 the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end
35 the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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