

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Representative Hawkins**

A Bill

ACT 1244 OF 1993
HOUSE BILL 1153

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED §6-82-1005 (b) (3)
9 TO INCREASE THE ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME LEVELS WHICH
10 DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE
11 SCHOLARSHIPS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO INCREASE THE ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME LEVELS WHICH
15 DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE
16 SCHOLARSHIPS."

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

20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated §6-82-1005(b) (3) is amended to read
21 as follows:

22 "(3) The student must demonstrate financial need as defined by the
23 Department of Higher Education. In calculating student financial need for
24 applicants who graduate from an Arkansas high school after May 1, 1991, the
25 following criteria shall be used:

26 (A) An applicant whose family includes one (1) unemancipated
27 child under the age of twenty-one (21) shall have average family adjusted
28 gross income over the previous two (2) years not exceeding *thirty-five*
29 *thousand dollars (\$35,000)* per year at the time of application to the program.

30 If the applicant is an adopted child who was at least twelve (12) years of
31 age at the time of adoption, and the applicant's family includes one (1)
32 unemancipated adopted child under twenty-one (21) years of age, the adoptive
33 family's average adjusted gross income for the previous two (2) years shall
34 not exceed *forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)* per year.

35 (B) An applicant whose family includes two (2) unemancipated
36 children under the age of twenty-one (21) shall have average family adjusted

1 gross income over the previous two (2) years not exceeding *forty thousand*
2 *dollars (\$40,000)* per year at the time of application to the program. If the
3 applicant is an adopted child who was at least twelve (12) years of age at the
4 time of adoption, and the applicant's family includes two (2) unemancipated
5 adopted children under twenty-one (21) years of age, the adoptive family's
6 average adjusted gross income for the previous two (2) years shall not exceed
7 *fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)* per year.

8 (C) An applicant whose family includes three (3) or more
9 unemancipated children under the age of twenty-one (21) shall have average
10 family adjusted gross income over the previous two (2) years not exceeding
11 *forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000)* per year at the time of application to
12 the program, plus, for families with more than three (3) unemancipated
13 children under the age of twenty-one (21), an additional five thousand dollars
14 (\$5,000) per year for each additional child. If the applicant is an adopted
15 child who was at least twelve (12) years of age at the time of adoption, and
16 the applicant's family includes three (3) unemancipated adopted children under
17 twenty-one (21) years of age, the adoptive family's average adjusted gross
18 income for the previous two (2) years shall not exceed *sixty thousand dollars*
19 *(\$60,000)* per year, plus, for families with more than three (3) unemancipated
20 adopted children under the age of twenty-one (21), an additional ten thousand
21 dollars (\$10,000) per year for each additional child.

22 (D) Any applicant whose family includes more than one (1)
23 unemancipated child under the age of twenty-one (21) enrolled full time at an
24 approved institution of higher education shall be entitled to an additional
25 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) of adjusted gross income when the Department of
26 Higher Education calculates financial need."

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28 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-82-1005(f) is hereby amended to
29 read as follows:

30 "(f) The State Board of Higher Education shall have the authority to
31 adjust these financial need family income requirements. Other financial need
32 criteria necessary for the selection of recipients, including those defined as
33 emancipated or independent by federal student aid regulations, shall be
34 established through rules and regulations issued by the Department of Higher
35 Education."

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

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

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

/s/B. Hawkins

APPROVED: 4/20/93

