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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1002

"AN ACT TO INCLUDE NURSING SCHOOLS AS APPROVED INSTITUTIONS IN THE
ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM."

Amendment No. 3 to House Bill No. 1002.

Amend House Bill No. 1002 as engrossed, H3/14/01:

Page 1, line 35, delete "State Board of Nursing," and substitute "State Board of Nursing and only under the conditions set forth in § 6-82-1007."

AND

Page 2, add a new section immediately following Section 1 to read as follows:
"SECTION 2. 6-82-1007. Nursing school eligibility.

(a)(1) The General Assembly recognizes that the State of Arkansas is experiencing a critical shortage of nurses; and

(2) It is the intent of this section to allow the Department of Higher Education the opportunity to include associate degree granting and diploma schools of nursing in the academic challenge scholarship under specific circumstances.

(b) The Department of Higher Education shall make awards to applicants attending either an associate degree or diploma school preparing registered nurses that is approved by the State Board of Nursing, and would not otherwise be an approved institution of higher education, if:

(1) The applicant has qualified for an Academic Challenge Scholarship and has completed prerequisites or is enrolled in or simultaneously enrolled in an approved two-year or four-year college or university prior to or at the time of entry in the nursing school;

(2) The nursing school has been approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing and is specifically recognized by the Department of Higher Education as a school of nursing eligible to participate in the Academic Challenge Scholarship Program; and

(3) The recipient meets continuing eligibility requirements in Arkansas Code 6-82-1006.

(c) The scholarships awarded to recipients under this section shall be subject to § 6-18-1004(g).

(d) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Department of Higher Education shall promulgate regulations necessary for the implementation of this section."

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative Duggar

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