Hall of the House of Representatives

88th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2011 **Amendment Form**

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1896 CONCERNING POSTHUMOUS DEGREES AWARDED BY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1896 Amend House Bill No. 1896 as originally introduced: Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute: "THE MICHAEL LAWDON BRANSCUM ACT" Page 1, delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute the following: "SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 61, Subchapter 1 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows: 6-61-135. Posthumous degrees. (a) Each institution of higher education is encouraged establish a process for awarding a posthumous degree to a student who has died while enrolled in a degree program at the institution of higher education. (b) A process established by an institution of higher education may include without limitation consideration of the student's: (1) Level of completion in his or her degree program; (2) Academic status; and (3) Personal factors, such as circumstances of death. (c) The institution of higher education or the parent of a student who died while enrolled in a degree program at a institution of higher education may initiate the process by requesting that a posthumous degree be awarded on the student's behalf."

The Amendment was read By: Representative Branscum SAG/KFW - 03/16/11 11:51 **SAG272**

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