

ARKANSAS SENATE
88th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2011
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 578

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 578

Amend Senate Bill No. 578 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 9, delete "PROGRAM;" and substitute "PROGRAM; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY;"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY."

AND

Page 1, delete all the language after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-82-306(b)(6)(A), concerning eligibility for the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program, is amended to read as follows:

(6)(A) Satisfies the qualifications of superior academic ability as established by the Department of Higher Education with criteria consisting of value points for academic achievement and leadership, including without limitation:

(i) American College Test (ACT) or Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) score, National Merit Finalist, or National Achievement Finalist; and

(ii) High school grade point average; .

~~(iii) Rank in high school class; and~~

~~(iv) Leadership in school, community, and employment.~~

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that some Arkansas graduates are at



a disadvantage under the current ranking system for the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program; that changes to the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program ranking system are needed to ensure that awards are granted to the most qualified applicants; and that this act is immediately necessary to ensure that the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program awards granted for the 2011-2012 school year incorporate the revised ranking criteria. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator G. Baker

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Secretary