

1 **State of Arkansas**

2 **79th General Assembly**

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# **A Bill**

**HOUSE BILL 1934**

4 **By: Representatives Arnold, Capps, Landers, Newman, Townsend, Wooldridge, J. Miller,**  
5 **Baker, Dietz, Wingfield, Holland, Wilson, Thurman, Rorie, Hinshaw, Mitchell, von Grep,**  
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## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 "AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION; CREATING THE ARKANSAS  
11 STUDENT TUITION INVESTMENT PROGRAM; REQUIRING THE ARKANSAS  
12 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO ISSUE TUITION ASSISTANCE  
13 FROM THE ARKANSAS STUDENT TUITION INVESTMENT PROGRAM FUND  
14 TO COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WHO MEET CERTAIN  
15 CRITERIA; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF RULES; PROVIDING  
16 AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## **Subtitle**

19 "CREATING THE STUDENT TUITION INVESTMENT PROGRAM AND  
20 PROVIDING FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE TO A MAXIMUM OF \$1000 PER  
21 YEAR."

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

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25 SECTION 1. (a) There is created the Arkansas Student Tuition  
26 Investment Program to be administered by the Arkansas Department of Higher  
27 Education. The department shall adopt rules for the administration of the  
28 Investment Program Fund.

29 (b) The department shall issue from the fund up to one thousand dollars  
30 (\$1,000) per academic year to any Arkansas resident who is a full-time  
31 undergraduate student registered at a not-for-profit college or university  
32 which is chartered in the state; which is accredited or a candidate for  
33 accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools  
34 (NCACS); or which certifies to the Department of Higher Education that its  
35 students are accepted for transfer to NCACS accredited institutions; and which

1 is not a state college or university.

2 (c) Funding for the Arkansas Tuition Investment Program is to be phased  
3 in over a period of four (4) school years. Tuition assistance under the  
4 program is to be granted to first time entering freshmen only in 1993-94; to  
5 entering freshmen and sophomores in 1994-95; entering freshmen, sophomores,  
6 and juniors in 1995-96; and entering freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and  
7 seniors in 1996-97.

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9 SECTION 2. A person is eligible to receive such tuition assistance if:

10 (a) He or she is registered as a freshman after July 31, 1993; a  
11 sophomore after July 31, 1994; a junior after July 31, 1995; and a senior  
12 after July 31, 1996.

13 (b) He or she is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at an  
14 eligible college or university; he or she has been a resident of the state of  
15 Arkansas continuously for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the  
16 award of tuition assistance and is not a resident of another state; and is  
17 making satisfactory academic progress as defined by the college or university  
18 in which he or she is enrolled.

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20 SECTION 3. The maximum amount of Arkansas Student Tuition Investment  
21 Program funds issued to a full-time student shall be one thousand dollars  
22 (\$1,000) per academic year. The tuition assistance shall be paid on a pro-  
23 rated basis at the beginning of each quarter, semester, or term. The  
24 department shall make such payments to the college or university in which the  
25 student is enrolled for credit to the student\_s account for payment of tuition  
26 and fees.

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28 SECTION 4. If the combined amount of the tuition assistance issued  
29 pursuant to this act and all other scholarships and grants for tuition or fees  
30 exceeds the amount charged to the student for tuition and fees, the college or  
31 university will refund to the Arkansas Student Tuition Investment Program Fund  
32 the amount of the assistance grant not used.

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34 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
35 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

1 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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3 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
4 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
5 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
6 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
7 act are declared to be severable.

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9 SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
10 hereby repealed.

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12 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General  
13 Assembly that a tuition assistance program is essential to ensure appropriate  
14 education opportunities for the youth of the state; that this act is designed  
15 to establish such program and should be given effect immediately to enable the  
16 Department of Higher Education to establish appropriate procedures for  
17 implementing the program to assure the program is in place for providing  
18 tuition assistance to eligible students for the 1993-94 academic year.  
19 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act being  
20 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be  
21 in full force and effect on and after July 1, 1993.

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