

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2683

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5 By: Representative Mahony
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE EMERGENCY SECONDARY EDUCATION
10 LOAN PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT TO AMEND THE EMERGENCY SECONDARY
14 EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAM.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-81-503 is amended to read as follows:
20 6-81-503. Program termination.

21 The program established by this subchapter shall be continued until
22 such time as the Director ~~of General Education~~ of the Department of Education
23 shall certify to the Governor and General Assembly that there is no longer an
24 emergency need for secondary school teachers of mathematics and the sciences
25 in Arkansas.
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27 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-81-505 is amended to read as follows:
28 6-81-505. Advisory committee.

29 (a) The Department of Higher Education shall establish and consult
30 with the Emergency Secondary Education Loan Program Advisory Committee, which
31 shall consist of three (3) members appointed annually on July 1 by the
32 Director of the Department of Higher Education and three (3) members
33 appointed by the Director ~~of General Education~~ of the Department of
34 Education.

35 (b) The committee shall advise in the establishment of program rules,
36 regulations, procedures, and selection criteria and shall recommend



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1 individuals to be awarded loans.

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3 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-81-506 is amended to read as follows:
4 6-81-506. Eligibility.

5 From funds appropriated for the Student Assistance Grant Program, as
6 authorized by §§ 6-82-201 - 6-82-213, the Department of Higher Education may
7 make loans to students under the following conditions:

8 (1) Loan recipients shall be bona fide residents of the State of
9 Arkansas, as defined by the Department of Higher Education, and be citizens
10 of the United States or permanent resident aliens;

11 (2) Loan recipients shall be enrolled full-time in a regionally
12 accredited public or independent college or university in Arkansas with a
13 teacher education program which has been approved by the Department of
14 Education ~~or in a regionally accredited two-year institution in Arkansas~~
15 ~~where those courses taken are directly creditable toward such program;~~

16 ~~(3) A loan recipient shall be enrolled as a major in a program of~~
17 ~~study leading to secondary teacher certification in Arkansas in mathematics,~~
18 ~~chemistry, physics, biology, physical science, or general science, or shall~~
19 ~~have completed a program of study as a major in such field culminating in a~~
20 ~~baccalaureate degree, and shall be enrolled in a program leading to secondary~~
21 ~~teacher certification in Arkansas;~~

22 (3) The loan recipient:

23 (A) Must be within two (2) years of obtaining a secondary
24 teacher certification in Arkansas in mathematics, chemistry, physics,
25 biology, physical science, or general science; or

26 (B) Shall have completed a program of study as a major in
27 mathematics, chemistry, physics, biology, physical science, or general
28 science in a baccalaureate degree, and shall be enrolled in a program that
29 within two (2) years will lead to obtaining a secondary teacher certification
30 in Arkansas;

31 (4) Loan recipients shall declare an intention to teach the subjects
32 specified in this subchapter in a secondary school in Arkansas; and

33 (5) Loan recipients shall maintain a cumulative grade point average in
34 their college work of no less than ~~2.5~~ 2.75 on a 4.0 scholastic grading scale
35 or appropriate equivalent as determined by the Department of Higher
36 Education.

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SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-81-507 is amended to read as follows:
6-81-507. Selection of loan recipients.

(a) The final responsibility for selecting loan recipients shall rest jointly with the Director of the Department of Higher Education and the Director of ~~General Education~~ of the Department of Education.

(b)(1) Priority in the awarding of loans shall be given to those applicants who have demonstrated the greatest academic ability.

(2) In cases where two (2) or more applicants receive the same priority rating, the advantage shall be given to the student who can become certified in the shortest period of time.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-81-508 is amended to read as follows:
6-81-508. Maximum amount of loans.

(a) Students may receive loans ~~up to, but not in excess of, one half (1/2) of the cost of student fees, room and board, and books and instructional supplies at the institution to be attended~~ in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per year.

(b) No student shall receive a loan that, when totaled with all other sources of student financial assistance, exceeds the total cost of education at the institution to be attended.

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 6-81-509 is amended to read as follows:
6-81-509. Duration of loans.

Students may receive loans for a maximum of four (4) academic ~~years~~ semesters or until such time as they have completed certification to teach in Arkansas, whichever shall come first.