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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 14 OF ARTICLE 19 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH A STATE LOTTERY TO HELP FUND COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AND TEACHER bONUSES IN THIS STATE.

## Subtitle

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. Section 14 of Article 19 of the Arkansas Constitution is amended to read as follows:
§ 14. Lotteries prohibited.
No lottery shall be authorized by this State, nor shall the sale of lottery tickets be allowed.
(a) All lotteries and the sale of lottery tickets are prohibited, except that lottery games as defined in this section and the game of bingo and raffles as provided in Amendment 84 of the Arkansas Constitution are specifically permitted.
(b) As used in this section, "lottery game" means any scheme or procedure authorized by the General Assembly and operated by or on behalf of the state in which:
(1) A player pays or agrees to pay something of value for a chance to receive something of value;
(2) The chance to receive something of value represented and differentiated by a number, a combination of numbers, or another type of medium, and one (1) or more numbers or media are designated as winning;
(3) The ultimate winner is determined by drawing or by another method based upon the element of chance; and
(4) A player holding a winning chance is to receive something of value.
(c)(1) The General Assembly may provide for the operation and regulation of a lottery game and for any matter relating to the purposes or provisions of this subsection (c).
(2) Proceeds derived from a lottery game shall be deposited into the State Treasury and used to pay the operating expenses of the lottery game, including all prizes, without any appropriation required by law, and for scholarships and teacher bonuses as provided in subdivision (c) (4) of this section.
(3)(A) The net proceeds after payment of the operating expenses of a lottery game, including all prizes, shall be separately accounted for and specifically identified as a separate budget category entitled "The Educate Arkansas Trust Fund" and shall be subject to appropriation by the General Assembly solely for scholarships and teacher bonuses as provided in subdivision (c) (4) of this section.
(B) The net proceeds shall supplement, not supplant, nonlottery educational resources.
(4) The General Assembly shall appropriate all net proceeds of a







lottery game by the separate budget category entitled "The Educate Arkansas Trust Fund" for:
(A) Scholarships awarded to citizens of this state to enable the citizens to attend approved:
(i) Two-year and four-year colleges and universities
located within the state; and
(ii) Vocational training programs; and
(B) Teacher bonuses for public school teachers teaching and living within the state.

