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A Bill

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5 By: Representative T. Steele
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION,
9 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND THE BUREAU OF
10 LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH TO CONDUCT A JOINT STUDY OF THE
11 FAIRNESS OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF ARKANSAS ACADEMIC
12 CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED BY THE ARKANSAS
13 LOTTERY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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16 **Subtitle**

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18 OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF ARKANSAS ACADEMIC
19 CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED BY THE
20 ARKANSAS LOTTERY.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. (a) The Department of Higher Education,
26 the Department of Education, and the Bureau of Legislative Research jointly
27 shall conduct a study of the fairness of the distribution of Arkansas
28 Academic Challenge Scholarships funded by net proceeds of the Arkansas
29 Lottery.

30 (b) The study shall include a review of scholarship data for the 2010-
31 2011 and 2011-2012 academic years concerning:

32 (1) The race, gender, county of residence, transcript indication
33 of learning disability, and financial need of scholarship applicants;

34 (2) The distribution of scholarships by race, gender, and county
35 of residence of scholarship recipients;

36 (3) The number and amount of scholarships awarded to students at



1 each two-year college;

2 (4) The number and amount of scholarships awarded to students at
3 each four-year university;

4 (5) The barriers to applying for the scholarships encountered by
5 students;

6 (6) The reasons that students did not qualify for the
7 scholarships; and

8 (7) The number of students with an indication of a learning
9 disability on the applicant's transcript who applied for the scholarship and
10 either received or did not receive a scholarship.

11 (c) The Department of Higher Education, the Department of Education,
12 and the bureau shall:

13 (1) Seek participation in the study from leaders of:

14 (A) Two-year colleges;

15 (B) Four-year colleges and universities;

16 (C) High school guidance counselors; and

17 (D) Academic coaches employed by the Department of Higher

18 Education;

19 (2) Conduct two (2) or more public hearings for the study;

20 (3) Provide progress reports of the study to the Arkansas
21 Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee on September 1, 2011,
22 December 1, 2011, and March 1, 2012; and

23 (4) By June 1, 2012, provide a final report to the Arkansas
24 Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee.

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26 /s/T. Steele
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