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HOUSE BILL 1295

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9 *Thompson*

For An Act To Be Entitled

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11 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC
12 CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, PART 2, CONCERNING
13 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FROM NET PROCEEDS OF THE LOTTERY;
14 TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(e)(1)(A), concerning scholarship*
29 *award amounts for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, Part*
30 *2, is amended to read as follows:*

31 *(e)(1)(A) Beginning with the ~~2011-2012~~ 2013-2014 academic year, the*
32 *scholarship award amount under this subchapter for an academic year for a*
33 *full-time recipient enrolled in a four-year approved institution of higher*
34 *education is ~~four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500):~~*

35 *(i) Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for a recipient in his*
36 *or her freshman year;*



1 (ii) Three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for a recipient in
2 his or her sophomore year;

3 (iii) Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for a recipient in
4 his or her junior year; and

5 (iv) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for a recipient in his
6 or her senior year.

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8 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(e)(2)(A), concerning scholarship
9 award amounts for nontraditional students in the Arkansas Academic Challenge
10 Scholarship Program, Part 2, is amended to read as follows:

11 (2)(A)(i) The department shall award an aggregate amount of
12 scholarship awards to nontraditional students beginning with the 2010-2011
13 academic year of twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000).

14 (ii) Beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year, the
15 department shall award an aggregate amount of scholarship awards to
16 nontraditional students of sixteen million (\$16,000,000).

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18 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(e)(3), concerning scholarship
19 award amounts under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, Part
20 2, to students attending two-year institutions of higher education, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 (3) The scholarship award for an academic year for a full-time
23 student enrolled in one (1) of the following institutions of higher education
24 ~~is one half (1/2) of the scholarship award amount for a full-time undergraduate~~
25 ~~student enrolled in a four-year approved institution of higher education~~ two
26 thousand dollars (\$2,000):

27 (A) A two-year approved institution of higher education;

28 (B) A branch campus of a four-year approved institution of
29 higher education; or

30 (C) An approved nursing school.

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32 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
33 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that increasing the number of
34 Arkansans obtaining postsecondary credentials is critical to the economic
35 health of the state and its citizens; that the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery
36 provides the opportunity for tens of thousands of Arkansans to obtain

1 postsecondary education; that the deadline for scholarship applications is
2 June 1; that the financial integrity of the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery is
3 critical to the continued existence of the scholarships; and that this act is
4 immediately necessary because the Department of Higher Education must
5 promulgate rules to implement this act well before June 1, 2013, in order to
6 provide eligible Arkansans the opportunity to apply for the scholarship.
7 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately
8 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
9 become effective on:

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

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

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

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