

"AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION (A) OF SECTION 5 OF ACT 35 OF THE FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF 1983 [ARK. STATS. 80-4620(A)] RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION OF OUTSTANDING STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (A) of Section 5 of the First Extraordinary Session of 1983, the same being Arkansas Statutes 80-4620(A), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(A) Outstanding students shall be identified by the State Recognition Panel in two ways: (1) At the discretion of the Director of the General Education Division, Department of Education, local districts shall be encouraged to develop programs which give recognition to students who achieve high academic excellence in the same way recognition is now given to high achievement in athletics. School districts throughout the State shall be invited to submit applications for grants, not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) annually, for development and implementation of innovative student recognition programs. The State Recognition Panel shall screen the applications and the best programs will be selected. The State Recognition Panel shall design the criteria for this program. (2) In each school district, students who make the largest academic gains in a given school year shall be identified and designated as master learners. Each school district shall submit names and information about these students to the State Recognition Panel which then will make five (5) State awards in the form of plaques to such students."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

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