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2	79th General Assembly ABII ACT 198 OF 199)3
3	Regular Session, 1993 HOUSE BILL 104	13
4	By: Representative J. Roberts	
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7	For An Act To Be Entitled	
8	"AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS WHO PASS THE GENERAL	
9	EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (GED) TEST AND RECEIVE A HIGH	
10	SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN AWARD	
11	OF THE ARKANSAS OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP; AND FOR OTHER	
12	PURPOSES."	
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14	Subtitle	
15	"AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS WHO PASS THE GED	
16	TEST AND RECEIVE A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY	
17	DIPLOMA ARE ELIGIBLE FOR AN AWARD OF THE	
18	ARKANSAS OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP."	
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:	
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22	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-82-904 is hereby amended to read as follows:	
23	"6-82-904. Eligible students. Opportunity scholarships shall be awarded, contingent	ŧ
24	upon state funds becoming available, to all eligible students:	
25	(1) Who have applied for this scholarship in accordance with procedures established	
26	by the State Department of Higher Education;	
27	(2) Who live in Arkansas;	
28	(3) Who have graduated from an accredited secondary school in Arkansas or have	
29	passed the General Educational Development (GED) test and received a high school	
30	equivalency diploma; and	
31	(4) Who have demonstrated financial need; and	
32	(5) For whom a local matching scholarship award has been made available by a	
33	school or community foundation in compliance with the State Department of Higher	
34	Education's published guidelines for the establishment and operation of these local private	
35	scholarship funds."	
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1	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code §6-82-905 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2	"6-82-905. Amount of scholarships.
3	(a) The State Department of Higher Education shall have the complete authority to fix
4	the dollar value of each opportunity scholarship to be awarded.
5	(b) In determining the appropriate level of each award, the State Department of
6	Higher Education shall consider the individual student's financial need, the size of the local
7	matching award relative to the local community's capacity to lend private financial support,
8	the availability of other sources of student financial assistance, plus any additional factors
9	deemed significant by the State Department of Higher Education at the time of the award.
10	(c) In determining a student's financial needs, the State Department of Higher
11	Education shall take into account a student's tuition, and room and board, as well as additional
12	expenses related to enrollment and matriculation, such as books and travel."
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14	SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are
15	amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision
16	Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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18	SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or
19	circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of
20	the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end
21	the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.
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23	SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.
24	/s/Jacqueline Roberts
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26	APPROVED: 2/24/93
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