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# A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1011

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6 By: Senator E. Williams

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO GIVE THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION THE  
10 AUTHORITY TO APPROVE A SCHOLARSHIP HOLD FOR UP TO  
11 TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS FOR MOST SCHOLARSHIP  
12 PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-82-304, concerning administration of the  
26 Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program and the authority of the Department of  
27 Higher Education, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as  
28 follows:

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(8) Approve a scholarship hold for a student for a period of  
twenty-four (24) months or less for the following reasons without limitation:

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(A) A medical condition of the student or a member of the  
student's immediate family that, on the basis of a physician's good-faith  
judgment, necessitates the student or the student's immediate family member  
be hospitalized or receive outpatient or home-based medical care or  
recuperate until released by the attending physician;

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(B) A personal or family emergency that requires the



1 student to:

2 (i) Attend the funeral of an immediate family  
3 member; or

4 (ii) Visit a relative of the student if the relative  
5 has a medical condition in which death is possible or imminent;

6 (C) Military service under § 6-61-112; or

7 (D)(i) A commitment of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24)  
8 months for service in a national or international humanitarian project  
9 sponsored by a nonprofit corporation organized with a charitable or  
10 educational purpose.

11 (ii) The student's commitment shall be expressed in  
12 a written agreement with the nonprofit organization, including the terms of  
13 completion for the student's service on the related project.

14 (iii) The department shall release a scholarship  
15 hold if the department determines that the student did not complete the  
16 commitment under the written agreement.

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18 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 82, Subchapter 11, is  
19 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20 6-82-1106. Scholarship hold.

21 The Department of Higher Education may approve a scholarship hold for a  
22 student for a period of twenty-four (24) months or less for the following  
23 reasons without limitation;

24 (1) A medical condition of the student or of a member of the  
25 student's immediate family that, on the basis of a physician's good-faith  
26 judgment, necessitates that the student or the student's immediate family  
27 member be hospitalized or receive outpatient or home-based medical care or  
28 recuperate until released by the attending physician;

29 (2) A personal or family emergency that requires the student to:

30 (A) Attend the funeral of an immediate family member; or

31 (B) Visit a relative of the student if the relative has a  
32 medical condition in which death is possible or imminent;

33 (3) Military service under § 6-61-112; or

34 (4)(A) A commitment of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) months  
35 for service in a national or international humanitarian project sponsored by  
36 a nonprofit corporation organized with a charitable or educational purpose.

1                   (B) The student's commitment shall be expressed in a  
2 written agreement with the nonprofit organization, including the terms of  
3 completion for the student's service on the related project.

4                   (C) The department shall release a scholarship hold if the  
5 department determines that the student did not complete the commitment under  
6 the written agreement.

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8           SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-82-1604, concerning Administration of the  
9 Arkansas Workforce Improvement Grant Program and the authority of the  
10 Department of Higher Education, is amended to add an additional subdivision  
11 to read as follows:

12                   (12) To approve a scholarship hold for a student for a period of  
13 twenty-four (24) months or less for the following reasons without limitation:

14                   (A) A medical condition of the student or of a member of  
15 the student's immediate family that, on the basis of a physician's good-faith  
16 judgment, necessitates that the student or the student's immediate family  
17 member be hospitalized or receive outpatient or home-based medical care or  
18 recuperate until released by the attending physician;

19                   (B) A personal or family emergency that requires the  
20 student to:

21                                   (i) Attend the funeral of an immediate family  
22 member; or

23                                   (ii) Visit a relative of the student if the relative  
24 has a medical condition in which death is possible or imminent;

25                   (C) Military service under § 6-61-112; or

26                   (D)(i) A commitment of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24)  
27 months for service in a national or international humanitarian project  
28 sponsored by a nonprofit corporation organized with a charitable or  
29 educational purpose.

30                                   (ii) The student's commitment shall be expressed in  
31 a written agreement with the nonprofit organization, including the terms of  
32 completion for the student's service on the related project.

33                                   (iii) The department shall release a scholarship  
34 hold if the department determines that the student did not complete the  
35 commitment under the written agreement.

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1 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 82, Subchapter 17, is  
2 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

3 6-82-1710. Scholarship hold.

4 The Department of Higher Education may approve a scholarship hold for a  
5 student for a period of twenty-four (24) months or less for the following  
6 reasons without limitation;

7 (1) A medical condition of the student or of a member of the  
8 student's immediate family that, on the basis of a physician's good-faith  
9 judgment, necessitates that the student or the student's immediate family  
10 member to hospitalized or receive outpatient or home-based medical care or  
11 recuperate until released by the attending physician;

12 (2) A personal or family emergency that requires the student to:

13 (A) Attend the funeral of an immediate family member; or

14 (B) Visit a relative of the student if the relative has a  
15 medical condition in which death is possible or imminent;

16 (3) Military service under § 6-61-112; or

17 (4)(A) A commitment of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) months  
18 for service in a national or international humanitarian project sponsored by  
19 a nonprofit corporation organized with a charitable or educational purpose.

20 (B) The student's commitment shall be expressed in a  
21 written agreement with the nonprofit organization, including the terms of  
22 completion for the student's service on the related project.

23 (C) The department shall release a scholarship hold if the  
24 department determines that the student did not complete the commitment under  
25 the written agreement.

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27 /s/Bell

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