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1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
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A BILL ACT 310 OF 1991
HOUSE BILL 1525

4 **By: Representatives Blair and Dawson**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT ENSURING EQUITABLE TREATMENT AND REFUNDS WHEN A
9 STUDENT WITHDRAWS FROM A STATE-SUPPORTED POSTSECONDARY
10 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION BECAUSE ACTIVATED FOR MILITARY
11 SERVICE DURING A NATIONAL CRISIS; PROVIDING FREE TUITION
12 FOR ONE SEMESTER UPON DEACTIVATION; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.

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

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17 SECTION 1. When any person is activated for full-time military service
18 during a time of national crisis and therefore is required to cease attending
19 a state-supported postsecondary educational institution without completing and
20 receiving a grade in one or more courses, the following assistance shall be
21 required with regard to courses not completed: Such student shall receive a
22 complete refund of tuition and such general fees as are assessed against all
23 students at the institution. Proportionate refunds of room, board, and other
24 fees which were paid to the institution shall be provided to the student,
25 based on the date of withdrawal. If an institution contracts for services
26 covered by fees which have been paid by and refunded to the student, the
27 contractor shall provide a like refund to the institution. If the institution
28 has a policy of repurchasing textbooks, students shall be offered the maximum
29 price, based on condition, for the textbooks associated with such courses.

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31 SECTION 2. When a student is required to cease attendance because of
32 such military activation without completing and receiving a grade in one or
33 more courses, the institution shall provide a reasonable opportunity for
34 completion of the courses after deactivation.

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36 SECTION 3. A student activated during the course of a semester shall be

1 entitled, within a period of two (2) years following deactivation, to free
2 tuition for one (1) semester at the institution where attendance had been
3 interrupted *unless federal aid is made available for the same purpose.*

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5 SECTION 4. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature
6 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
7 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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9 SECTION 5. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to
10 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
11 other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without
12 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
13 Act are declared to be severable.

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15 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are
16 hereby repealed.

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19 /s/ B. Blair et al

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21 APPROVED: 3-1-91
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