

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

ACT 489 OF 1997
SENATE BILL 474

5 By: Senators Mahony, Argue, Edwards, Jeffries, Bearden, Bell, Boozman, Bradford, Brown, Everett, Fitch, Gwatney, Harriman, Hill,
6 Kennedy, Roebuck, Ross, Smith, Todd and Webb
7 By: Representatives Broadway, Choate, Baker, McKissack, Newman, Pappas, Pollan, Simmons, Simon, Terry Smith, Malone,
8 Wooldridge, Stalnaker, Jones, Vess, Dietz, Wallis, Goodwin, Capps, Curran, Thicksten, Faris, Miller, Hendren, Jeffress, and Allison
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6, CHAPTER 82,
13 SUBCHAPTER 3 CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS
14 PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE FOR ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S
15 DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS
19 GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM AND TO
20 PROVIDE FOR ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S
21 DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS."

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

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-82-302, concerning definitions in the
27 Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program, is amended to add the following new
28 subsection to read as follows:

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§(9) ☺ Extraordinary academic ability[☑] means a score of 32 or above on
30 the American College Test (ACT), 1410 or above on the Scholastic Aptitude Test
31 (SAT), or selection as a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship
32 competition conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

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34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 6-82-305 is amended to read as follows:

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☺6-82-305. Recipients known as Arkansas Governor's Scholars.

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Students receiving scholarships shall be known as Arkansas Governor's

1 Scholars. Those who exhibit extraordinary academic ability shall be known as
2 Arkansas Governor's Distinguished Scholars.

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4 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 6-82-306, concerning eligibility under the
5 Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program, is amended to add a new subsection to
6 read as follows:

7 (d) Students who are selected as Arkansas Governor's Scholars who also
8 exhibit academic ability as defined in this subchapter shall be designated as
9 Arkansas Governor's Distinguished Scholars.

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11 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 6-82-308 is amended to read as follows:

12 6-82-308. Number and geographic distribution of scholarships.

13 The number of scholarship awards to eligible high achievers shall not
14 exceed ~~one hundred fifty (150)~~ three hundred (300) each year. However, one (1)
15 such award shall be made to a student in each of the seventy-five (75)
16 counties, and the remainder shall be made to students from the state at
17 large.

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19 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code 6-82-311 (c), concerning renewal of
20 scholarships, is amended to read as follows:

21 (c) The scholarship shall be awarded for one (1) academic year and
22 renewed annually for three (3) additional academic years if the student
23 maintains not less than a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scholastic grading
24 scale and meets other criteria as established by the department. However, a
25 student receiving the additional scholarship under 6-82-312 (b) must
26 maintain not less than a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scholastic grading
27 scale.

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29 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code 6-82-312 is amended to read as follows:

30 6-82-312. Scholarship amounts.

31 (a) All ~~scholarships~~ Scholarships awarded to new recipients who enroll
32 in college as first-time entering freshmen after July 1, 1995, shall be in the
33 amount of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) per year, provided funds are
34 available.

35 (b) Students who are awarded Arkansas Governor's Scholarships and who
36 also exhibit extraordinary academic achievement shall also be awarded, in

1 addition to the award in subsection (a), an amount per year which, when
2 combined with the award in subsection (a), equals tuition, room and board, and
3 fees charged by the approved institution in which the recipient is enrolled.
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5 SECTION 7. 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 8. 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 9. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
16 hereby repealed.

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18 */s/Senator Mahoney, et al*

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