

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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As Engrossed: H1/17/07 H2/8/07

A Bill

1 State of Arkansas  
2 86th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2007

HOUSE BILL 1031

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5 By: Representatives Gaskill, Patterson, Reynolds, Hoyt, J. Roebuck  
6 By: Senator R. Thompson

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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO PROVIDE REDUCED COLLEGE TUITION TO  
11 STATE POLICE OFFICERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS; AND  
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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14 **Subtitle**

15 AN ACT TO PROVIDE REDUCED COLLEGE  
16 TUITION TO STATE POLICE OFFICERS AND  
17 THEIR DEPENDENTS.

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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 Title 6, Chapter 60, Subchapter 2 is amended*  
23 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

24 6-60-213. Reduced tuition for certain police officers.

25 (a) As used in this section:

26 (1)(A) "Covered police officer" means:

27 (i) Any employee of the Department of Arkansas State

28 Police who:

29 (a) Holds the rank of state trooper or a  
30 higher rank; and

31 (b) Has been an employee of the  
32 department for ten (10) or more years;

33 (ii) Any highway police officer who has been an  
34 employee of the Arkansas Highway Police Division of the Arkansas State  
35 Highway and Transportation Department for ten (10) or more years;



1 (iii) Any officer of the State Capitol Police who  
2 has been an employee of the State Capitol Police for ten (10) or more years;  
3 or

4 (iv) Any wildlife officer who has been an employee  
5 of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for ten (10) or more years.

6 (B) "Covered police officer" does not include:

7 (i) A civilian employee; or

8 (ii) A person who is temporarily employed as a  
9 covered police officer due to an emergency situation;

10 (2) "Dependent" means:

11 (A) Any natural child, stepchild, or adopted child of a  
12 covered police officer; and

13 (B) Any individual of whom a covered police officer is the  
14 legal guardian;

15 (3) "Public institution of higher education" means a public  
16 university, college, technical college, or community college; and

17 (4)(A) "Tuition" means charges levied for attendance at an  
18 institution of higher education.

19 (B) "Tuition" does not include any fees charged or used  
20 for student activities, including without limitation any student athletic  
21 fee.

22 (b)(1) Any covered police officer or his or her dependent who is  
23 enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment in a public institution of  
24 higher education in Arkansas may have tuition reduced at a rate equal to the  
25 reduced rate of tuition provided to employees of that public institution of  
26 higher education if his or her employer elects to offer reduced tuition.

27 (2) An employer of a covered police officer may elect to offer  
28 reduced tuition based on the amount of funds available.

29 (3) If the employer of the covered police officer elects to  
30 offer reduced tuition, the employer shall pay to the public institution of  
31 higher education the difference between the regular tuition rate and the  
32 reduced rate of tuition provided to employees of the public institution of  
33 higher education.

34 (c) No covered police officer or his or her dependent may utilize the  
35 reduced rate of tuition for educational purposes beyond the baccalaureate  
36 degree.

