

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

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2640

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5 By: Representative Shelby
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8
9 AN ACT CONCERNING ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE OF
10 MEDICINE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 CONCERNING ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE OF
14 MEDICINE.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-64-406 is amended to read as follows:
20 6-64-406. Admissions generally.

21 (a)(1) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas shall
22 provide for the admission annually of not less than ~~one hundred twenty (120)~~
23 one hundred fifty (150) freshmen students to the College of Medicine.
24 However, the board of trustees may provide for a reduction in this number to
25 any figure not less than ninety (90) during any school year if the admission
26 of freshmen students in excess of ninety (90) would endanger the accredited
27 rating of the College of Medicine as determined by the standards of the
28 Association of American Medical Colleges.

29 (2) Whenever the board of trustees at the University of Arkansas
30 has developed the necessary policies and procedures to enable the Admissions
31 Committee of the College of Medicine to comply with this subsection, the
32 policies and procedures shall be published in the bulletin issued annually by
33 the College of Medicine.

34 (b)(1)(A) The board of trustees of the University of Arkansas shall
35 allocate the first seventy percent (70%) of ~~all~~ the first one hundred fifty



1 (150) enrollment positions for the freshman medical class among Arkansas
 2 congressional districts, using the population of each congressional district
 3 as determined by the last federal decennial census to determine that
 4 district's proportion of the freshman positions so allocated and shall assign
 5 those apportioned enrollment positions for each district to those applicants
 6 who are legal residents in that particular congressional district.

7 (B) The board of trustees shall give additional
 8 consideration to rural applicants from medically underserved areas in an
 9 effort to address health disparities.

10 (2)(A) The next fifteen percent (15%) of the first one hundred
 11 fifty (150) freshman enrollment positions shall be allocated to the state at
 12 large and assigned to applicants who are legal residents of any place within
 13 Arkansas.

14 (B) However, in allocating the fifteen percent (15%) to
 15 the state at large, the board of trustees may allocate not to exceed one-
 16 third (1/3) of the fifteen percent (15%) of the first one hundred fifty (150)
 17 freshman enrollment positions to applicants who do not actually reside in the
 18 state but who were born and reared and attended public schools in Arkansas
 19 and who in addition thereto shall meet two (2) or more of the following
 20 criteria:

- 21 (i) Applicant is a registered voter in Arkansas;
- 22 (ii) Applicant holds a current valid Arkansas
 23 driver's license;
- 24 (iii) Applicant or parents of applicant are Arkansas
 25 taxpayers;
- 26 (iv) Parent of applicant resides in or is employed
 27 in Arkansas;
- 28 (v) Applicant meets other related criteria as may be
 29 prescribed by the board.

30 (3) The remaining fifteen percent (15%) of the first one hundred
 31 fifty (150) freshman enrollment positions may be assigned either to legal
 32 residents or to nonresidents, however, any qualified legal resident shall
 33 have a preference in securing an assignment to a position when compared to a
 34 nonresident, and the total number of nonresidents assigned positions shall
 35 not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the ~~total~~ first one hundred fifty (150)
 36 freshman enrollment positions assigned for any school year.

1 (4) The board of trustees may provide for an alteration in the
 2 percentages set forth in this subsection only if the adherence to these
 3 percentages would endanger the accredited rating of the College of Medicine
 4 as determined by the Standards of the Association of American Medical
 5 Colleges.

6 (c)(1) The board of trustees may provide for additional freshman
 7 enrollment positions if the College of Medicine determines it is necessary to
 8 address a projected shortage of practicing physicians in the state.

9 (2) The additional freshman enrollment positions shall be
 10 granted to the best qualified applicants as determined by the Admissions
 11 Committee of the College of Medicine without regard to residency status.

12 ~~(e)~~(d) The selection of freshman medical students shall be
 13 accomplished competitively without any favoritism or discrimination on the
 14 basis of sex or race, and with due consideration being given scholastic
 15 standings, recommendations of the premedical advisory committees of the
 16 various schools where the applicants pursue their premedical studies, their
 17 performance on the Medical College Admission Test, and any other procedures
 18 that can be developed that would deal fairly with the applicant group as a
 19 whole.

20 ~~(d)~~(e)(1) The board shall promulgate rules and provide resources to
 21 allow the area health education centers to offer programs to prepare
 22 identified medical school candidates from medically underserved areas of the
 23 state for the Medical College Admission Test.

24 (2) Preparation for the Medical College Admission Test shall
 25 include, but not be limited to:

26 (A) Recruitment and guidance of individuals interested in
 27 health care professions;

28 (B) Early targeting of potential candidates, including
 29 junior high school, high school, two-year college, and four-year college
 30 undergraduate students;

31 (C) Use of community colleges and four-year colleges and
 32 universities throughout the state to offer Med Prep and other targeted
 33 studies with the aid of video and distance learning tools; and

34 (D) Ensurance that everyone interested in a medical
 35 profession receives an equal opportunity for success.

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