

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.

Act 1217 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas  
2 87th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2009  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 855

5 By: Senators Broadway, Salmon, Bookout  
6 By: Representatives J. Roebuck, Abernathy, M. Burris  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO CREATE CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY  
11 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CHILDREN AND SPOUSES OF  
12 CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES IF THE PUBLIC  
13 SERVICE RESULTS IN DEATH OR PERMANENT AND TOTAL  
14 DISABILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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17 TO CREATE CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY  
18 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CHILDREN AND  
19 SPOUSES OF CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVICE  
20 EMPLOYEES IF THE PUBLIC SERVICE RESULTS  
21 IN DEATH OR PERMANENT AND TOTAL  
22 DISABILITY.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 82, Subchapter 5 is amended  
28 to add an additional section to read as follows:

29 6-82-507. Renewal of scholarship.

30 To retain eligibility for a scholarship benefit under this subchapter,  
31 a recipient shall:

32 (1) Maintain a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0  
33 scholastic grading scale; and

34 (2) Meet any other continuing eligibility criteria established  
35 by the Department of Higher Education.



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SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that continuing eligibility for this program needs to exist in order to ensure these students achieve academic success and complete a program of study; that the state is expending funds for student credit hours that will not count toward degree completion; and that the state has in interest in promoting scholarship programs that encourage student achievement. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

**APPROVED: 4/7/2009**