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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1538

5 By: Representatives Hammer, *C. Douglas*
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING GRADUATE NURSING
9 PRACTICE AND NURSE EDUCATOR STUDENT LOANS AND
10 SCHOLARSHIPS TO INCLUDE DOCTORAL NURSING PROGRAMS TO
11 BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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14 **Subtitle**

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING GRADUATE
16 NURSING PRACTICE AND NURSE EDUCATOR
17 STUDENT LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS TO INCLUDE
18 DOCTORAL NURSING PROGRAMS TO BE ELIGIBLE
19 FOR FUNDING.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-81-1201(6), concerning the definition of
25 "master's or doctoral nursing education program" for the purposes of graduate
26 nursing practice and nurse educator student loans and scholarships, is
27 amended to read as follows:

28 (6) "Master's or doctoral nursing education program" means an
29 Arkansas nursing education program located in an Arkansas public or private
30 institution of higher education that has a master's or doctoral nursing
31 program accredited by a recognized national nursing accreditation
32 organization or a doctor of philosophy in nursing program accredited by the
33 North Central Association of Colleges and Schools;
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-81-1203(a)(2), concerning the eligibility
36 for rural advanced nursing practice and nurse educator loans, is amended to



1 read as follows:

2 (2) The applicant has been accepted for admission to or is
3 enrolled in good standing in an accredited master's or doctoral nursing
4 program or doctor of philosophy in nursing program in the state leading to a
5 graduate degree in nursing;

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/s/Hammer

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