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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1647

5 By: Representative F. Allen
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE
10 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - PART 2; TO AMEND ELIGIBILITY
11 REQUIREMENTS REGARDING AN APPLICANT FOR THE ARKANSAS
12 ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP TO INCLUDE THE
13 APPLICANT'S SUPERSCORE ON THE ACT; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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18 TO AMEND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
19 REGARDING AN APPLICANT FOR THE ARKANSAS
20 ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP TO INCLUDE
21 THE APPLICANT'S SUPERSCORE ON THE ACT.
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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 § 6-85-204, concerning definitions under the
27 Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program – Part 2, is amended to add
28 an additional subdivision to read as follows:

29 (27) "Superscore" means the final composite score that is
30 calculated according to a combination of the highest individual section
31 scores across all of the ACT tests taken by an individual.
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-85-207(1), concerning additional
34 eligibility requirements regarding graduation for traditional students under
35 the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program – Part 2, is amended to
36 read as follows:



1 (1)(A) Graduated from an Arkansas public high school and has a
2 minimum ~~composite score~~ superscore of nineteen (19) on the ACT or the
3 equivalent score on an ACT equivalent~~+~~.

4 (B) The Department of Higher Education shall promulgate
5 rules in consultation with ACT to determine the mechanism for calculating and
6 disseminating an applicant's superscore on the ACT;

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8 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-85-207(3), concerning additional
9 eligibility requirements regarding the ACT score for traditional students
10 under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program – Part 2, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (3) Achieved a minimum ~~composite score~~ superscore of nineteen
13 (19) on the ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent and:

14 (A) Graduated from a private high school, an out-of-state
15 high school, or a home school high school; or

16 (B) In the year in which the student would have been a
17 junior or senior in high school, completed the requirements for high school
18 graduation and obtained a high school equivalency diploma approved by the
19 Department of Career Education instead of receiving a diploma; or

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21 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-85-208(1)(B), concerning additional
22 eligibility requirements regarding graduation and ACT scores for
23 nontraditional students under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship
24 Program – Part 2, is amended to read as follows:

25 (B)(i) Graduated from an Arkansas public high school, a
26 private high school, an out-of-state high school, a home school high school,
27 or obtained a high school equivalency diploma approved by the Department of
28 Career Education and had a minimum ~~composite score~~ superscore of nineteen
29 (19) on the ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent~~+~~ ~~or~~.

30 (ii) The Department of Higher Education shall
31 promulgate rules in consultation with ACT to determine the mechanism for
32 calculating and disseminating an applicant's superscore on the ACT; or

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34 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(i)(3)(A), concerning scholarship
35 award amounts under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program –
36 Part 2, is amended to read as follows:

