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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 114

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE  
9 CONCERNING APPLICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY FOR THE  
10 ACADEMIC SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP, THE ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S  
11 SCHOLARS PROGRAM, AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEACHERS IN  
12 HIGH-NEED SUBJECT AREAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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19 ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM, AND  
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21 SUBJECT AREAS.  
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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 § 6-82-108(c), concerning the Academic  
27 Support Scholarship, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as  
28 follows:

29 (6) Complete and submit to the United States Department of  
30 Education a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a subsequent  
31 application required by the United States Department of Education for federal  
32 financial aid.  
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34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-82-306(b)(1)-(5), concerning eligibility  
35 for the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program, are amended to read as follows:

36 (b) A student is eligible for ~~this scholarship~~ a scholarship under



1 subsection (a) of this section if he or she:

2 (1) Meets the admission requirements and is accepted for  
3 enrollment as a full-time undergraduate student in an eligible public or  
4 private college or university in Arkansas;

5 (2)(A) Is a bona fide resident of the state, as defined by the  
6 Division of Higher Education.

7 (B) Preference will be given to students who plan to enter  
8 college at the beginning of the academic year directly following their last  
9 year of high school attendance;

10 (3) Is a citizen of the United States or a permanent resident  
11 alien;

12 (4) Graduates from a high school;

13 ~~(5)(A)(5) Demonstrates proficiency in the application of~~  
14 ~~knowledge and skills in reading and writing literacy and mathematics by~~  
15 ~~passing the end-of-course examination as may be developed by the Division of~~  
16 ~~Elementary and Secondary Education and as may be designated by the Division~~  
17 ~~of Higher Education for this purpose.~~

18 ~~(B) "End-of-course" assessment means those assessments~~  
19 ~~defined in § 6-15-419 [repealed] Has completed and submitted to the United~~  
20 ~~States Department of Education a Free Application for Federal Student Aid~~  
21 ~~(FAFSA) or a subsequent application required by the United States Department~~  
22 ~~of Education for federal financial aid; and~~

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24 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-82-1901(b), concerning scholarships for  
25 teachers in high-need subject areas, is amended to read as follows:

26 (b) To be eligible for a scholarship award under subdivision (a)(1) of  
27 this section, a recipient shall:

28 (1) Maintain a postsecondary grade point average of 3.0 or  
29 higher on a 4.0 scale at an approved institution of higher education;

30 (2) Be enrolled in a teacher education program at a four-year  
31 approved institution of higher education; ~~and~~

32 (3) Complete and submit to the United States Department of  
33 Education a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a subsequent  
34 application required by the United States Department of Education for federal  
35 financial aid; and

36 ~~(3)(A)(4)(A)~~ Enter into a written agreement with the Division of

1 Higher Education to teach at a public school for a minimum of five (5)  
2 consecutive years in a high-need subject area as determined under subdivision  
3 ~~(b)(3)(B)~~ (b)(4)(B) of this section.

4 (B) A recipient shall be deemed to be teaching in a high-  
5 need subject area if the subject area in which the recipient is employed to  
6 teach was determined by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to  
7 be a high-need subject area in:

8 (i) The year the recipient entered into the  
9 agreement with the Division of Higher Education under subdivision ~~(b)(3)(B)~~  
10 (b)(4)(B) of this section;

11 (ii) Any year the recipient received a scholarship  
12 award under this subchapter; or

13 (iii) The year the recipient is licensed as a  
14 teacher by the State Board of Education.

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