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A Bill

SENATE BILL 3

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF A DEPENDENT FOR
9 PURPOSES OF HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS; TO AMEND
10 THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM;
11 TO AMEND THE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PRIORITIZATION OF AN
12 ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP UNDER CERTAIN
13 CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF A DEPENDENT
17 FOR PURPOSES OF HIGHER EDUCATION
18 SCHOLARSHIPS; AND TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS
19 ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-82-601(a)(1), concerning the definition
26 of a "dependent" for purposes of tuition waivers, is amended to read as
27 follows:

28 (1) (A) "Dependent" means a:

29 (i) A spouse ~~or any~~ of a:

30 (a) Disabled veteran;

31 (b) Prisoner of war; or

32 (c) Person declared to be:

33 (1) Missing in action;

34 (2) Killed in action; or

35 (3) Killed on ordnance delivery;

36 (ii) A child born to or conceived by a:



- 1 (a) Disabled veteran;
- 2 (b) Prisoner of war; or
- 3 (c) Person declared to be:
- 4 (1) Missing in action;
- 5 (2) Killed in action; or
- 6 (3) Killed on ordnance delivery;
- 7 (iii) A child legally adopted by, ~~or~~ a:
- 8 (a) Disabled veteran;
- 9 (b) Prisoner of war; or
- 10 (c) Person declared to be:
- 11 (1) Missing in action;
- 12 (2) Killed in action; or
- 13 (3) Killed on ordnance delivery;
- 14 (iv) A child who is under the legal guardianship of
- 15 a prisoner;
- 16 (a) Disabled veteran;
- 17 (b) Prisoner of war; or person
- 18 (c) Person declared to be missing:
- 19 (1) Missing in action ~~or killed;~~
- 20 (2) Killed in action ~~or killed;~~ or
- 21 (3) Killed on ordnance delivery, ~~or~~
- 22 disabled veteran; or
- 23 (v) A stepchild of a:
- 24 (a) Disabled veteran;
- 25 (b) Prisoner of war; or
- 26 (c) Person declared to be:
- 27 (1) Missing in action;
- 28 (2) Killed in action; or
- 29 (3) Killed on ordnance delivery.
- 30 (B)(i) The A dependent child ~~or spouse~~ of a ~~prisoner of~~
- 31 war, veteran missing in action, or killed in action or killed on ordnance
- 32 delivery, or disabled veteran must the following shall be a current resident
- 33 of Arkansas. ~~Stepchildren of the veteran are not eligible unless they have~~
- 34 been legally adopted by the veteran or the veteran has been appointed as the
- 35 legal guardian of the stepchild.;
- 36 (a) A disabled veteran;

1 (b) A prisoner of war; or

2 (c) A person declared to be:

3 (1) Missing in action;

4 (2) Killed in action; or

5 (3) Killed on ordnance delivery.

6 (ii) A dependent child ~~must~~ shall meet the
7 definition of dependent child as established by the United States Department
8 of Education;

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10 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(d)(6), concerning the
11 prioritization of scholarship awards under the Arkansas Academic Challenge
12 Scholarship Program, is amended to read as follows:

13 (6) The division shall give priority for a scholarship award to
14 a full-time or part-time student:

15 (A) Who meets the eligibility requirements under this
16 subchapter; and

17 (B) ~~(i) Whose parent, by birth or legal adoption~~ Who is a
18 dependent of an individual who:

19 ~~(i)(a)~~ (a) Was a resident of the State of Arkansas at
20 the time that person entered the service of the United States Armed Forces or
21 whose official residence is in Arkansas; and

22 ~~(i)(b)~~ (b) Was a member of the United States Armed
23 Forces who was killed while performing military duty:

24 ~~(a)(1)~~ (1) In a status identified under 32 U.S.C.
25 § 101 et seq. or 10 U.S.C. § 101 et seq. as they existed on January 1, 2011;
26 or

27 ~~(b)(2)~~ (2) In state active duty status.

28 (ii) As used in this subdivision (d)(6)(B), a
29 "dependent" means one (1) of the following of an individual who meets the
30 conditions established under this subdivision (d)(6)(B)(i):

31 (a) A biological child;

32 (b) An adopted child; or

33 (c) A stepchild.

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