

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 3

TO MODIFY THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - PART 2; AND TO CLARIFY FUNDING AMOUNTS AND PROVISIONS.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 3

Amend Senate Bill No. 3 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

“SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(i), concerning scholarship award amounts, is amended to read as follows:

(i)(1) If the department has less than a sufficient amount from net proceeds from the state lottery to provide for the scholarship commitments under this subchapter, the department shall give priority for continued financial support under this subchapter to a ~~recipient who has~~ student with continuing eligibility superior to first-time applicants.

(2) If the funding is ~~still~~ insufficient to fully fund the scholarships for students with continuing eligibility created under this subchapter, the department shall award scholarships ~~after considering applicants to students with continuing eligibility based upon the following criteria:~~

(A) ~~With~~ First, to students who have the highest level of progress toward completion of a certificate, an associate degree, or a baccalaureate degree and who are enrolled in a program of study that is:

(i) In an area of critical workforce need as determined by the department; or

(ii) In a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics field;

(B) Second, to students who have the highest level of progress toward completion of a certificate, an associate degree, or a baccalaureate degree and who are enrolled in a program of study other than those listed in subdivision (i)(2)(A) of this section; and

(C) ~~With~~ Third, in the event funding is insufficient to fully fund students under subdivision (i)(2)(A) or (B) of this section, to students who have the highest high school or postsecondary grade point average, as applicable to the applicant; and

~~(C) Who are enrolled in or intend to enroll in a program of study that is:~~

~~(i) In an area of critical workforce need as determined by the department; or~~



~~(ii) In a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics field.~~

(3)(A) If, after funding all students with continuing eligibility under this section, funding is insufficient to fund all qualified first-time applicants, the department shall award scholarships to first-time applicants in order of priority based upon the first-time applicants' highest ACT or ACT equivalent scores.

(B) If, after prioritizing first-time applicants based upon the applicants' ACT or ACT equivalent scores, funding is insufficient to fund all applicants with equivalent ACT or ACT equivalent scores, the department shall determine who receives an award by random drawing."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Hickey

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