

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
2 88th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2011
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As Engrossed: S3/15/11

A Bill

SENATE BILL 578

5 By: Senator G. Baker
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS
9 PROGRAM; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS
15 PROGRAM AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. *Arkansas Code § 6-82-306(b)(6)(A), concerning eligibility*
21 *for the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program, is amended to read as follows:*

22 (6)(A) *Satisfies the qualifications of superior academic ability as*
23 *established by the Department of Higher Education with criteria consisting of*
24 *value points for academic achievement and leadership, including without*
25 *limitation:*

26 (i) *American College Test (ACT) or Scholastic*
27 *Aptitude Test (SAT) score, National Merit Finalist, or National Achievement*
28 *Finalist; and*

29 (ii) *High school grade point average; .*

30 ~~(iii) Rank in high school class; and~~

31 ~~(iv) Leadership in school, community, and~~
32 ~~employment.~~
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34 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
35 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that some Arkansas graduates are at
36 a disadvantage under the current ranking system for the Arkansas Governor's



1 Scholars Program; that changes to the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program
2 ranking system are needed to ensure that awards are granted to the most
3 qualified applicants; and that this act is immediately necessary to ensure
4 that the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program awards granted for the 2011-
5 2012 school year incorporate the revised ranking criteria. Therefore, an
6 emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for
7 the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become
8 effective on:

9 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

10 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
11 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
12 bill; or

13 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
14 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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16 /s/G. Baker
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