

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

1 State of Arkansas
2 90th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2015
4

As Engrossed: H1/13/15 S1/22/15

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1011

5 By: Representative Bell
6 By: Senator E. Williams
7

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO GIVE THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION THE
10 AUTHORITY TO APPROVE A SCHOLARSHIP HOLD FOR UP TO
11 TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS FOR MOST SCHOLARSHIP
12 PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
13
14

Subtitle

15 TO GIVE THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
16 EDUCATION THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE A
17 SCHOLARSHIP HOLD FOR UP TO TWENTY-FOUR
18 (24) MONTHS FOR MOST SCHOLARSHIP
19 PROGRAMS.
20
21
22

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
24

25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-82-304, concerning administration of the
26 Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program and the authority of the Department of
27 Higher Education, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as
28 follows:

29 (8) Approve a scholarship hold for a student for a period of
30 twenty-four (24) months or less for the following reasons without limitation:

31 (A) A medical condition of the student or a member of the
32 student's immediate family that, on the basis of a physician's good-faith
33 judgment, necessitates the student or the student's immediate family member
34 be hospitalized or receive outpatient or home-based medical care or
35 recuperate until released by the attending physician;

36 (B) A personal or family emergency that requires the



1 student to:

2 (i) Attend the funeral of an immediate family
3 member; or

4 (ii) Visit a relative of the student if the relative
5 has a medical condition in which death is possible or imminent;

6 (C) Military service under § 6-61-112; or

7 (D)(i) A commitment of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24)
8 months for service in a national or international humanitarian project
9 sponsored by a nonprofit corporation organized with a charitable or
10 educational purpose.

11 (ii) The student's commitment shall be expressed in
12 a written agreement with the nonprofit organization, including the terms of
13 completion for the student's service on the related project.

14 (iii) The department shall release a scholarship
15 hold if the department determines that the student did not complete the
16 commitment under the written agreement.

17
18 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 82, Subchapter 11, is
19 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20 6-82-1106. Scholarship hold.

21 The Department of Higher Education may approve a scholarship hold for a
22 student for a period of twenty-four (24) months or less for the following
23 reasons without limitation;

24 (1) A medical condition of the student or of a member of the
25 student's immediate family that, on the basis of a physician's good-faith
26 judgment, necessitates that the student or the student's immediate family
27 member be hospitalized or receive outpatient or home-based medical care or
28 recuperate until released by the attending physician;

29 (2) A personal or family emergency that requires the student to:

30 (A) Attend the funeral of an immediate family member; or

31 (B) Visit a relative of the student if the relative has a
32 medical condition in which death is possible or imminent;

33 (3) Military service under § 6-61-112; or

34 (4)(A) A commitment of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) months
35 for service in a national or international humanitarian project sponsored by
36 a nonprofit corporation organized with a charitable or educational purpose.

1 (B) The student's commitment shall be expressed in a
2 written agreement with the nonprofit organization, including the terms of
3 completion for the student's service on the related project.

4 (C) The department shall release a scholarship hold if the
5 department determines that the student did not complete the commitment under
6 the written agreement.

7
8 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-82-1604, concerning Administration of the
9 Arkansas Workforce Improvement Grant Program and the authority of the
10 Department of Higher Education, is amended to add an additional subdivision
11 to read as follows:

12 (12) To approve a scholarship hold for a student for a period of
13 twenty-four (24) months or less for the following reasons without limitation:

14 (A) A medical condition of the student or of a member of
15 the student's immediate family that, on the basis of a physician's good-faith
16 judgment, necessitates that the student or the student's immediate family
17 member be hospitalized or receive outpatient or home-based medical care or
18 recuperate until released by the attending physician;

19 (B) A personal or family emergency that requires the
20 student to:

21 (i) Attend the funeral of an immediate family
22 member; or

23 (ii) Visit a relative of the student if the relative
24 has a medical condition in which death is possible or imminent;

25 (C) Military service under § 6-61-112; or

26 (D)(i) A commitment of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24)
27 months for service in a national or international humanitarian project
28 sponsored by a nonprofit corporation organized with a charitable or
29 educational purpose.

30 (ii) The student's commitment shall be expressed in
31 a written agreement with the nonprofit organization, including the terms of
32 completion for the student's service on the related project.

33 (iii) The department shall release a scholarship
34 hold if the department determines that the student did not complete the
35 commitment under the written agreement.

36

1 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 82, Subchapter 17, is
2 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

3 6-82-1710. Scholarship hold.

4 The Department of Higher Education may approve a scholarship hold for a
5 student for a period of twenty-four (24) months or less for the following
6 reasons without limitation;

7 (1) A medical condition of the student or of a member of the
8 student's immediate family that, on the basis of a physician's good-faith
9 judgment, necessitates that the student or the student's immediate family
10 member to hospitalized or receive outpatient or home-based medical care or
11 recuperate until released by the attending physician;

12 (2) A personal or family emergency that requires the student to:

13 (A) Attend the funeral of an immediate family member; or

14 (B) Visit a relative of the student if the relative has a
15 medical condition in which death is possible or imminent;

16 (3) Military service under § 6-61-112; or

17 (4)(A) A commitment of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) months
18 for service in a national or international humanitarian project sponsored by
19 a nonprofit corporation organized with a charitable or educational purpose.

20 (B) The student's commitment shall be expressed in a
21 written agreement with the nonprofit organization, including the terms of
22 completion for the student's service on the related project.

23 (C) The department shall release a scholarship hold if the
24 department determines that the student did not complete the commitment under
25 the written agreement.

26
27 /s/Bell
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36