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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2207

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE ALLOCATION OF ENROLLMENT  
10 POSITIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COLLEGE OF  
11 MEDICINE BASED ON CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND ARKANSAS  
12 RESIDENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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18 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND ARKANSAS  
19 RESIDENCY.  
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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 § 6-64-406(b), concerning admissions at the  
26 University of Arkansas College of Medicine, is repealed.

27 ~~(b)(1)(A) The board shall allocate the first seventy percent (70%) of~~  
28 ~~the first one hundred fifty (150) enrollment positions for the freshman~~  
29 ~~medical class among Arkansas congressional districts, using the population of~~  
30 ~~each congressional district as determined by the last federal decennial~~  
31 ~~census to determine that district's proportion of the freshman positions so~~  
32 ~~allocated and shall assign those apportioned enrollment positions for each~~  
33 ~~district to those applicants who are legal residents in that particular~~  
34 ~~congressional district.~~

35 ~~(B) The board shall give additional consideration to rural~~  
36 ~~applicants from medically underserved areas in an effort to address health~~



1 ~~disparities.~~

2 ~~(2)(A) The next fifteen percent (15%) of the first one hundred~~  
3 ~~fifty (150) freshman enrollment positions shall be allocated to the state at~~  
4 ~~large and assigned to applicants who are legal residents of any place within~~  
5 ~~Arkansas.~~

6 ~~(B) However, in allocating the fifteen percent (15%) to~~  
7 ~~the state at large, the board may allocate not to exceed one third (1/3) of~~  
8 ~~the fifteen percent (15%) of the first one hundred fifty (150) freshman~~  
9 ~~enrollment positions to applicants who do not actually reside in the state~~  
10 ~~but who were born and reared and attended public schools in Arkansas and who~~  
11 ~~in addition thereto shall meet two (2) or more of the following criteria:~~

12 ~~(i) Applicant is a registered voter in Arkansas;~~

13 ~~(ii) Applicant holds a current valid Arkansas~~  
14 ~~driver's license;~~

15 ~~(iii) Applicant or parents of applicant are Arkansas~~  
16 ~~taxpayers;~~

17 ~~(iv) Parent of applicant resides in or is employed~~  
18 ~~in Arkansas; and~~

19 ~~(v) Applicant meets other related criteria as may be~~  
20 ~~prescribed by the board.~~

21 ~~(3) The remaining fifteen percent (15%) of the first one hundred~~  
22 ~~fifty (150) freshman enrollment positions may be assigned either to legal~~  
23 ~~residents or to nonresidents, however, any qualified legal resident shall~~  
24 ~~have a preference in securing an assignment to a position when compared to a~~  
25 ~~nonresident, and the total number of nonresidents assigned positions shall~~  
26 ~~not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the first one hundred fifty (150)~~  
27 ~~freshman enrollment positions assigned for any school year.~~

28 ~~(4) The board may provide for an alteration in the percentages~~  
29 ~~set forth in this subsection only if the adherence to these percentages would~~  
30 ~~endanger the accredited rating of the University of Arkansas College of~~  
31 ~~Medicine as determined by the Standards of the Association of American~~  
32 ~~Medical Colleges.~~

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