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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 31

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE  
10 SCHOLARSHIP; TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY AS A TRADITIONAL  
11 STUDENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC  
16 CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP; AND TO EXPAND  
17 ELIGIBILITY AS A TRADITIONAL STUDENT.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-85-207 is amended to read as follows:

23 6-85-207. Additional eligibility requirements for traditional students.

24 In addition to the requirements of § 6-85-206, an applicant is eligible  
25 as a traditional student if the applicant:

26 (1) Graduated from an Arkansas public high school and has a  
27 minimum composite score of nineteen (19) on the ACT or the equivalent score  
28 on an ACT equivalent;

29 (2) Has a disability identified under the Individuals with  
30 Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq., as it existed on July  
31 1, 2009, and graduated from an Arkansas public high school, and either:

32 (A) Had a minimum composite score of nineteen (19) on the  
33 ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent; or

34 (B) Scored proficient or higher on all state-mandated end-  
35 of-course assessments, including without limitation end-of-course assessments  
36 on:



- 1 (i) Algebra I;
- 2 (ii) Geometry;
- 3 (iii) Biology; and
- 4 (iv) Literacy; ~~or~~

5 (3) Achieved a minimum composite score of nineteen (19) on the  
6 ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent and:

7 (A) Graduated from a private high school, an out-of-state  
8 high school, or a home school high school; or

9 (B) In the year in which the student would have been a  
10 junior or senior in high school, completed the requirements for high school  
11 graduation and obtained a high school equivalency diploma approved by the  
12 Department of Career Education instead of receiving a diploma; or

13 (4) Meets the following criteria:

14 (A) Was enrolled at an institution of higher education in  
15 the immediately preceding academic year as a full-time, first-time freshman;

16 (B) Did not receive a scholarship under this subchapter as  
17 a full-time, first-time freshman;

18 (C) Successfully completed at least twenty-seven (27)  
19 semester hours of courses in consecutive semesters, not including a summer  
20 term, as a full-time, first-time freshman; and

21 (D) Achieved a postsecondary grade point average of at  
22 least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale as a full-time, first-time freshman.

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