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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1901

5 By: Representatives F. Allen, K. Ferguson, Nicks
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ACADEMIC SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP;
9 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO CREATE THE ACADEMIC SUPPORT
14 SCHOLARSHIP.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 82, Subchapter 1, is amended
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 6-82-108. Academic Support Scholarship.

22 (a) The intent of this section is to provide academic support to
23 offset the costs associated with the preparation for college and college
24 readiness assessments to reduce college remediation requirements and increase
25 the number of college graduates in this state.

26 (b) There is established the Academic Support Scholarship to be
27 administered by the Department of Higher Education, which shall cover the
28 following costs without limitations:

- 29 (1) Tutoring;
- 30 (2) Assessment fees;
- 31 (3) Educational materials; and
- 32 (4) Technology fees.

33 (c) To apply for a scholarship under this section, a student shall:

- 34 (1) Complete an application created and reviewed by the
35 department;
- 36 (2) Be in good standing with his or her school district;



1 (3) Be in the process of applying to a postsecondary institution
2 of higher education;

3 (4) Have graduated high school with a minimum grade point
4 average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale; and

5 (5) Be eighteen (18) years of age or younger.

6 (d) A recipient of a scholarship under this section who meets the
7 requirements under subsection (c) of this section is eligible for a
8 scholarship award of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the academic year
9 in which the recipient is enrolled in a postsecondary institution of higher
10 education.

11 (e) A scholarship under this section shall be funded with any funds
12 remaining after the Department of Higher Education allocates sufficient
13 funding to award Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarships under § 6-85-201 et
14 seq., Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarships under § 6-85-301 et seq., and
15 Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarships under Acts 2019, No. 456.

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