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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1389

5 By: Representative Bragg
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS FORESTERS FOR THE
9 FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ACT OF 2021; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS FORESTERS FOR THE
15 FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ACT OF 2021.
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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 Title 6, Chapter 82, is amended to add an
21 additional subchapter to read as follows:

22 Subchapter 21 – Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Program Act of
23 2021
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25 6-82-2101. Title.

26 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas
27 Foresters for the Future Scholarship Program Act of 2021".
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29 6-82-2102. Establishment.

30 There is created and established a program to be known as the "Arkansas
31 Foresters for the Future Scholarship Program".
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33 6-82-2103. Eligibility.

34 (a) An individual is eligible for an Arkansas Foresters for the Future
35 Scholarship under this subchapter if the individual has enrolled:

36 (1) As a full-time first-time freshman in a state-supported



1 institution of higher education; and

2 (2) In a forestry program of study that is accredited by the
 3 Society of American Foresters and is within the state-supported institution
 4 of higher education in which the individual is enrolled.

5 (b)(1) To be considered as a recipient of the Arkansas Foresters for
 6 the Future Scholarship under this subchapter, an individual shall submit:

7 (A) An approved application; and

8 (B) A high school transcript.

9 (2) The application to be submitted by individuals under
 10 subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section shall be created and approved by the
 11 Department of Agriculture, Forestry Division.

12 (3) The division may select individuals who have submitted the
 13 required application materials under subdivision (b)(1) of this section for
 14 interviews before choosing the recipient of the Arkansas Foresters for the
 15 Future Scholarship under this subchapter.

16 (c) To maintain eligibility for an Arkansas Foresters for the Future
 17 Scholarship under this subchapter, a recipient shall maintain a full-time
 18 status as a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior in the forestry program of
 19 study within the state-supported institution of higher education in which the
 20 individual is enrolled.

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 22 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 12, is
 23 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 19-5-1269. Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Fund.

25 (a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the
 26 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a miscellaneous
 27 fund to be known as the "Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Fund".

28 (b) The Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Fund shall
 29 consist of:

30 (1) Moneys received and deposited into the State Forestry Fund
 31 under § 15-31-108 that are equal to the cost of the Arkansas Foresters for
 32 the Future Scholarship each academic semester; and

33 (2) Special revenue funds.

34 (c) The Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Fund shall be
 35 administered by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry Division, as provided
 36 in the Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Program Act of 2021, §

1 6-82-2101 et seq., and as provided by any other relevant provisions of law.

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