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6 *By: Senator Gilmore*

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8 ## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS FORESTERS FOR THE

10 FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ACT OF 2021; AND FOR OTHER

11 PURPOSES.

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14 ## Subtitle

15 TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS FORESTERS FOR THE

16 FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ACT OF 2021.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 82, is amended to add an

22 additional subchapter to read as follows:

23 Subchapter 21 — Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Program Act of

24 2021

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26 6-82-2101. Title.

27 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas

28 Foresters for the Future Scholarship Program Act of 2021".

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30 6-82-2102. Establishment.

31 There is created and established a program to be known as the "Arkansas

32 Foresters for the Future Scholarship Program".

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34 6-82-2103. Eligibility.

35 (a) An individual is eligible for an Arkansas Foresters for the Future

36 Scholarship under this subchapter if the individual has enrolled:

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

2   institution of higher education; and

3   (2) In a forestry program of study that is accredited by the

4   Society of American Foresters and is within the state-supported institution

5   of higher education in which the individual is enrolled.

6   (b)(1) To be considered as a recipient of the Arkansas Foresters for

7   the Future Scholarship under this subchapter, an individual shall submit:

8   (A) An approved application; and

9   (B) A high school transcript.

10   (2) The application to be submitted by individuals under

11   subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section shall be created and approved by the

12   Department of Agriculture, Forestry Division.

13   (3) The division may select individuals who have submitted the

14   required application materials under subdivision (b)(1) of this section for

15   interviews before choosing the recipient of the Arkansas Foresters for the

16   Future Scholarship under this subchapter.

17   (c) To maintain eligibility for an Arkansas Foresters for the Future

18   Scholarship under this subchapter, a recipient shall maintain a full-time

19   status as a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior in the forestry program of

20   study within the state-supported institution of higher education in which the

21   individual is enrolled.

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23   SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 12, is

24   amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25   19-5-1269. Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Fund.

26   (a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the

27   Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a miscellaneous

28   fund to be known as the "Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Fund".

29   (b) The Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Fund shall

30   consist of:

31   (1) Moneys received and deposited into the State Forestry Fund

32   under § 15-31-108 that are equal to the cost of the Arkansas Foresters for

33   the Future Scholarship each academic semester; and

34   (2) Special revenue funds.

35   (c) The Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Fund shall be

36   administered by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry Division, as provided

1   in the Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Program Act of 2021, §
2   6-82-2101 et seq., and as provided by any other relevant provisions of law.
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4   */s/Bragg*
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