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8 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 TO AMEND THE JOINT RULES OF THE HOUSE OF  
10 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD  
11 GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL  
12 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CREATION OR AMENDMENT OF  
13 LOTTERY-FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS.

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16 **Subtitle**

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18 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE  
19 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
23 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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25 SECTION 1. The Joint Rules of the House of Representatives and the  
26 Senate of the Ninety-Third General Assembly are amended to add a new section  
27 to read as follows:

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29 Procedural Requirements for Creating or Amending Lottery-Funded Scholarships

30 Section 25.(A) Introduction of Bills.

31 (1) The following proposed legislation to be considered by the  
32 General Assembly at a regular session shall be introduced in the General  
33 Assembly during the first thirty-one (31) calendar days of a regular session:

34 (a) A bill that creates a new scholarship to be funded  
35 with net proceeds from the state lottery or the Higher Education Grants Fund  
36 Account, as applicable; and



1           (b) A bill that affects an existing scholarship that is  
2 funded with net proceeds from the state lottery or the Higher Education  
3 Grants Fund Account, as applicable.

4           (2)(a) A bill creating a new scholarship to be funded with net  
5 proceeds from the state lottery or the Higher Education Grants Fund Account,  
6 as applicable, or affecting an existing scholarship that is funded with net  
7 proceeds from the state lottery or the Higher Education Grants Fund Account,  
8 as applicable, shall not be introduced after the thirty-first day of a  
9 regular session unless its introduction is first approved by a three-fourths  
10 ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) vote of the full membership of each chamber of the General Assembly.

11           (b) If the General Assembly recesses for longer than three  
12 (3) consecutive days during the first thirty-one (31) days of a regular  
13 session, the deadline imposed under this section shall be extended for a time  
14 period equal to the recess.

15           (3) A bill creating a new scholarship to be funded with net  
16 proceeds from the state lottery or the Higher Education Grants Fund Account,  
17 as applicable, or affecting an existing scholarship that is funded with net  
18 proceeds from the state lottery or the Higher Education Grants Fund Account,  
19 as applicable, shall not be introduced or considered at a special session or  
20 fiscal session of the General Assembly unless the introduction or  
21 consideration of the bill is first approved by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the  
22 full membership of each chamber of the General Assembly.

23           (4) The requirements of subsection (A) of this section shall not  
24 apply to bills introduced during the 2021 Regular Session.

25           (B) Lottery fiscal impact statements.

26           (1) Any bill filed with the Senate or the House of  
27 Representatives that creates a new scholarship to be funded with net proceeds  
28 from the state lottery or the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, as  
29 applicable, or affects an existing scholarship that is funded with net  
30 proceeds from the state lottery or the Higher Education Grants Fund Account,  
31 as applicable, shall:

32           (a)(i) Have a lottery fiscal impact statement attached to  
33 it that is substantially in the form set forth in Act 636 of 2021.

34           (ii) A bill that creates a new scholarship to be  
35 funded with net proceeds from the state lottery or the Higher Education  
36 Grants Fund Account, as applicable, or affects an existing scholarship that

1 is funded with net proceeds from the state lottery or the Higher Education  
 2 Grants Fund Account, as applicable, shall not be taken up by the House  
 3 Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education, meeting  
 4 jointly, until a lottery fiscal impact statement is attached; and

5 (b) Not take effect until at least one (1) year  
 6 immediately following the year in which the scholarship was enacted.

7 (2) The lottery fiscal impact of a bill that creates a new  
 8 scholarship to be funded with net proceeds from the state lottery or the  
 9 Higher Education Grants Fund Account, as applicable, or affects an existing  
 10 scholarship that is funded with net proceeds from the state lottery or the  
 11 Higher Education Grants Fund Account, as applicable, shall be determined in  
 12 the manner set forth in Act 636 of 2021.

13 (3) In addition to the information required under subdivision  
 14 (B)(2) of this section, the final lottery fiscal impact of the new  
 15 scholarship to be funded with net proceeds from the state lottery or the  
 16 Higher Education Grants Fund Account, as applicable, or an existing  
 17 scholarship that is funded with net proceeds from the state lottery or the  
 18 Higher Education Grants Fund Account, as applicable, shall include and be  
 19 calculated as required in Act 636 of 2021.

20 (4)(a)(i) If the final lottery fiscal impact results in a  
 21 positive number, the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on  
 22 Education, meeting jointly during a regular session, special session, or  
 23 fiscal session, as applicable, may refer a bill creating a new scholarship to  
 24 be funded with net proceeds from the state lottery or the Higher Education  
 25 Grants Fund Account, as applicable, or amending an existing scholarship  
 26 funded with net proceeds from the state lottery or the Higher Education  
 27 Grants Fund Account, as applicable, to either chamber of the General Assembly  
 28 for consideration.

29 (ii) The referral of a bill under subdivision  
 30 (B)(4)(a)(i) of this section shall require approval by a separate vote of  
 31 House Committee on Education members and Senate Committee on Education  
 32 members, meeting jointly during a regular session, special session, or fiscal  
 33 session, as applicable.

34 (b) If the final lottery fiscal impact results in a  
 35 negative number, the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on  
 36 Education, meeting jointly during a regular session, special session, or

1 fiscal session, as applicable, shall not refer the bill to either chamber of  
 2 the General Assembly for consideration unless:

3 (i) The bill is amended to ensure the final lottery  
 4 fiscal impact results in a positive number; or

5 (ii) Additional funding is provided through the  
 6 General Revenue Fund Account.

7 (C) Consideration of bills.

8 (1) The House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on  
 9 Education shall meet jointly during a regular session, special session, or  
 10 fiscal session, as applicable, to consider any bill:

11 (A) Creating a new scholarship to be funded with net  
 12 proceeds from the state lottery or the Higher Education Grants Fund Account,  
 13 as applicable; or

14 (B) Affecting an existing scholarship that is funded with  
 15 net proceeds from the state lottery or the Higher Education Grants Fund  
 16 Account, as applicable.

17 (2) A bill creating a new scholarship to be funded with net  
 18 proceeds from the state lottery or the Higher Education Grants Fund Account,  
 19 as applicable, or affecting an existing scholarship that is funded with net  
 20 proceeds from the state lottery or the Higher Education Grants Fund Account,  
 21 as applicable, shall not be recommended to either chamber of the General  
 22 Assembly except upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the  
 23 following, meeting jointly during a regular session, special session, or  
 24 fiscal session, as applicable:

25 (A) House Committee on Education; and

26 (B) Senate Committee on Education.

27 (3) A lottery fiscal impact statement prepared for a bill as  
 28 required under Act 636 of 2021 shall be amended each time the House Committee  
 29 on Education and the Senate Committee on Education recommends to either  
 30 chamber of the General Assembly a bill creating a new scholarship to be  
 31 funded with net proceeds from the state lottery or the Higher Education  
 32 Grants Fund Account, as applicable, or affecting an existing scholarship that  
 33 is funded with net proceeds from the state lottery or the Higher Education  
 34 Grants Fund Account, as applicable, in order to account for the updated  
 35 lottery fiscal impact, if any, the bill that proposes a new scholarship or  
 36 amends an existing scholarship will have.