

Hall of the House of Representatives
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2962

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH POLICIES FOR STATE SUPPORTED PROFESSIONAL
SCHOOL."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2962.

Amend House Bill No. 2962 as originally introduced:

Delete the title in its entirety and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD TO DEVELOP A POLICY TO REQUIRE THE ALLOCATION OF A CERTAIN NUMBER OF ENROLLMENT POSITIONS TO ARKANSAS STUDENTS AMONG PROFESSIONAL OR GRADUATE SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION COMPACT PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT ENROLLMENT POSITIONS ALLOCATED TO ARKANSAS STUDENTS ARE DISTRIBUTED BASED ON DIVERSITY IN BACKGROUND, ETHNICITY, RACE, AND GENDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLICY FOR DIVERSITY IN ADMISSION OF QUALIFIED ARKANSAS STUDENTS TO PROFESSIONAL OR GRADUATE SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION COMPACT PROGRAM."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-4-105 is amended to read as follows:
6-4-105. Contracts for out-of-state education.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Participating institution" or "participating school" means a professional or graduate school that:

(A) Is located outside the State of Arkansas but within the United States;

(B) Offers a full-time course of instruction in dentistry, optometry, veterinary medicine, podiatry, chiropractic, or osteopathy;

(C) Is accredited by an accrediting entity acceptable to



the applicable licensing board of the profession;

(D) After completion of such course of instruction, grants a degree acceptable to the applicable licensing board as the sole requirement or as one (1) requirement for the board's granting of a professional license; and

(E) Is a party to a currently effective written agreement between the participating institution and the department or the Board of Control for Southern Regional Education; and

(2) "Qualified grantee" means a student who:

(A) Is a resident of the State of Arkansas;

(B) Has been accepted for enrollment at or is attending a participating accredited school of dentistry, optometry, veterinary medicine, podiatry, osteopathy, or chiropractic located outside the State of Arkansas; and

(C) Has been certified under § 6-4-106 by the department as qualified to participate in the grant program authorized by § 6-81-1101.

~~(a)~~(b) As agent for the state, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall contract with the Board of Control for Southern Regional Education in order that the latter may act to secure admission of Arkansas residents as students in institutions of higher learning operated by other states who are signatories of the compact.

~~(b)~~(c)(1) Contract authority shall include the placing of students for study in the fields for which the board of control may maintain programs, including, but not limited to, veterinary medicine and dentistry.

(2)(A) The coordinating board shall develop a policy to require the allocation of a certain number of enrollment positions to qualified Arkansas students among participating institutions in the Southern Regional Education Compact Program. The policy shall provide a mechanism for ensuring that the enrollment positions allocated to Arkansas students are distributed among qualified grantees in a manner that promotes maximum diversity in background, ethnicity, race, and gender.

(B) The coordinating board shall propose the adoption of the policy to the board of control no later than January 1, 2006, for initial implementation during the 2006-2007 school year.

~~(e)~~(d)(1) The coordinating board shall contract to pay the board of control for Arkansas students accepted under this program.

(2) Provided, in no case will the contract price exceed the amount approved by the board of control."

The Amendment was read _____

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