

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2011-191

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE INTERIM SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION CONDUCT
4 A STUDY OF THE EFFICACY OF USING TIERED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AMOUNTS
5 AND DIFFERENTIATED ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ARKANSAS
6 ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND OF OTHER PROPOSALS
7 THAT SUPPORT THE STATE'S GOALS FOR IMPROVING THE RETENTION RATES
8 AND PROGRESS TOWARD COMPLETION OF A CREDENTIAL FOR ARKANSAS
9 POSTSECONDARY STUDENTS.

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11 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas has set a goal of doubling the number of
12 its citizens with a postsecondary credential by the year 2020; and

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14 WHEREAS, a student's successful progression toward completion of a
15 credential is a significant part of attaining that state goal; and

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17 WHEREAS, the resources for funding the Arkansas Academic Challenge
18 Scholarship should be managed efficiently so as to accommodate as many
19 students as possible while being mindful of the state's postsecondary
20 attainment goal; and

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22 WHEREAS, it may be more efficient for the management of resources and
23 more conducive to success if the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship
24 Program awards were tiered in award amount or by eligibility requirements;
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27 WHEREAS, other proposals that support the state's goals for improving
28 the retention rates and progress toward completion of a credential for
29 Arkansas postsecondary students should also be studied,

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31 NOW THEREFORE,

32 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE INTERIM SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION OF THE EIGHTY-
33 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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35 THAT the Interim Senate Committee on Education conduct a study
36 of:

1 (1) The efficacy of using tiered scholarships for the
2 Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, including without
3 limitation:

4 (A) Award amounts based on the number of credit
5 hours the applicant successfully completed; and

6 (B) Requirements for using a scholarship at a two-
7 year college before attending a four-year college or university based
8 on a certain measure such as the scholarship recipient's minimum
9 composite ACT score or ACT equivalent; and

10 (2) Any other proposal that supports the state's goals for
11 improving the retention rates and progress toward completion of a
12 credential for Arkansas postsecondary students.

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14 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED THAT the study include members of the
15 Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee who wish to
16 participate.

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