

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 777

"AN ACT TO REPEAL VARIOUS UNFUNDED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 777.

Amend Senate Bill No. 777 as originally introduced:

Pages 18 through 21, delete Section 11 entirely and substitute the following:

"SECTION 11. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 82, Subchapter 12 is amended to read as follows:

6-82-1201. Purpose.

It is the purpose of this subchapter:-

~~(1) To provide educational opportunities at Arkansas public institutions of higher education for certified law enforcement officers and students who possess a sincere interest in public service in the form of law enforcement to obtain baccalaureate degrees in courses of study that will benefit and complement work in the field of law enforcement;~~

~~(2) To establish the Arkansas Police Corps Planning Commission Program, including the creation of a commission authorized to promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement a police corps program in Arkansas;~~

~~(3) To create the Arkansas Police Corps Scholarship Program; and~~

~~(4) To undertake for the purpose of undertaking the necessary planning and other actions required to enable Arkansas to participate in the federal police corps program.~~

6-82-1202. Arkansas Police Corps Planning Commission ~~—Arkansas Police Corps Program.~~

(a) There is hereby established the Arkansas Police Corps Planning Commission.

(b) The commission shall be appointed by the Governor and shall have eleven (11) members:

- (1) The Director of the Department of Higher Education;
- (2) The Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police;
- (3) The Director of the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training

Academy;

- (4) A representative of the Arkansas Municipal Police

Association;

- (5) A representative of the Arkansas Sheriffs Association;
- (6) A representative of the Arkansas Police Chiefs Association;

(7) Two (2) faculty members or administrators from institutions of higher education with accredited criminal justice programs;

(8) Two (2) higher education financial aid administrators; and

(9) One (1) active certified law enforcement officer.

(c)(1) The Director of the Criminal Justice Institute or the director's designee shall serve as an ex officio member and as chairman of the commission.

(2) The commission shall meet at the call of the chairman.

~~(d) The commission shall develop a state plan for implementation of the Arkansas Police Corps Program. The plan shall include rules and regulations for operation of the Arkansas Police Corps Program and the Arkansas Police Corps Scholarship Program.~~

~~(e) The police corps training plan adopted by the commission shall:~~

~~(1) Provide for the screening and selection of police corps participants;~~

~~(2) State procedures for assignment of participants in the Arkansas Police Corps to state police, municipal police, and sheriffs' offices; and~~

~~(3) Provide for other rules and regulations as may be necessary to provide for the training of program participants, including law enforcement certification training during the summer for participants under the age of twenty one (21), operation of the program, and administration of the scholarship program.~~

~~(f) A minimum of twelve (12) credit hours per year must be satisfactorily completed each academic year.~~

~~(g)(d)~~ Should the federal government create a national police corps program, the Arkansas Police Corps Planning Commission shall be the entity designated to administer the state's participation in the federal program.

~~6-82-1203. Number, amount, eligibility, and award of scholarships.~~

~~(a) Scholarship recipients shall be selected by the Arkansas Police Corps Planning Commission.~~

~~(b)(1) The number of scholarships awarded annually under the Arkansas Police Corps Program cannot exceed the expected number of officers needed by Arkansas police forces or other law enforcement agencies.~~

~~(2)(A) In no case, however, shall the number of new scholarships awarded each year through this program be more than fifty (50).~~

~~(B) Additionally, the total number of scholarships shall not exceed two hundred fifty (250) at any one time.~~

~~(3) Any scholarships awarded under this program shall be contingent on the availability of sufficient funds from a revenue source dedicated to this purpose.~~

~~(c)(1) Scholarship recipients shall receive a police corps scholarship equal to actual book and tuition costs for six (6) or more hours each semester.~~

~~(2) Scholarship awards shall be renewable provided that recipients meet continuing eligibility criteria established through program rules and regulations.~~

~~(d) Eligible recipients for scholarships shall include applicants who intend to enter the field of law enforcement but who are not employed as and have not worked previously as law enforcement officers, in addition to current law enforcement officers.~~

~~(e)(1) Each non law enforcement recipient shall be required to successfully complete the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy curriculum for basic certification during or after completing a course of study which results in receipt of a bachelor's degree.~~

~~(2) A scholarship recipient who fails to secure a full time paid position as a police officer or law enforcement officer within one (1) year of graduating from college and from the academy shall repay with interest the amount of any scholarship funds received under this subchapter.~~

~~(3)(A) Recipients of scholarship awards shall also be required to complete one (1) full year of service as a state, municipal, or sheriff's department law enforcement officer for every thirty (30) hours attempted in which scholarship aid was received under the program.~~

~~(B) Failure to meet this service obligation shall mean that the scholarship recipient must repay with interest the amount of any scholarship funds received under this subchapter.~~

6-82-1204. Administration.

~~(a) The Department of Higher Education and the Arkansas Police Corps Planning Commission are authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of this program, consistent with the purposes and requirements of this subchapter.~~

~~(b)(1)(a) The commission is hereby designated as the state agency responsible for implementing any federal law enforcement scholarship program which may be established.~~

~~(2)(b) The commission shall have authority to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the administration and operation of any such program in the State of Arkansas."~~

AND

Page 21, delete Section 13 entirely

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

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