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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2610

"AN ACT TO AMEND THE FINANCIAL NEED AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE
REQUIREMENTS OF THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2610.

Amend House Bill No. 2610 as originally introduced:

Page 4, delete line 27 entirely, and substitute the following:
"when the department calculates financial need."

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-82-1006(c), concerning the amount of the Academic Challenge Scholarship award, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) For recipients who graduated from high school between January 1, 1995, and December 31, 1996, the amount of the annual scholarship awarded to each recipient shall be the lesser of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) or the annual tuition charged by the approved institution in which the recipient is enrolled.

(2) For recipients who graduated from high school between January 1, 1997, and December 31, 1998, the amount of the annual scholarship awarded to each recipient shall be the lesser of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or the annual tuition charged by the approved institution in which the recipient is enrolled.

(3) For recipients who graduated from high school after December 31, 1998, the amount of the annual scholarship awarded to each recipient shall be two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

(4) For recipients who graduated from high school after December 31, 2001 but before December 31, 2004, the amount of the annual scholarship awarded to each recipient shall be graduated as follows:

(A) A recipient in his or her freshman year shall be awarded an amount not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000);

(B) A recipient in his or her sophomore year shall be awarded an amount not to exceed two thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$2,250);

(C) A recipient in his or her junior year shall be awarded an amount not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500); and

(D) A recipient in his or her senior year shall be awarded an amount not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000).



(5) For recipients who graduated from high school after December 31, 2004, the amount of the annual scholarship awarded to each recipient shall be graduated as follows:

(A) A recipient in his or her freshman year shall be awarded an amount not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500);

(B) A recipient in his or her sophomore year shall be awarded an amount not to exceed two thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$2,750);

(C) A recipient in his or her junior year shall be awarded an amount not to exceed three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,000); and

(D) A recipient in his or her senior year shall be awarded an amount not to exceed three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500)."

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-82-1008 is amended to read as follows:
6-82-1008. Awards not funded.

(a)(1) Any applicant who graduated after December 31, 2001, who was eligible to receive an academic challenge award but did not receive the award because of insufficient funding in the program may be eligible to receive an award to begin in a year other than the freshman year.

(2) Any student enrolled in an institution of higher education must have achieved at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average to be eligible for a deferred award.

~~(b) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Department of Higher Education shall promulgate regulations necessary for the implementation of this section.~~

~~(c)(3)~~ Any award made under ~~this section~~ subsection (a) of this section shall have funding priority as follows:

~~(1)(A)~~ Awards shall be made first to individuals who made application prior to the original deadline during the individual's senior year in high school, received an award letter from the department but did not receive an award because of insufficient funding, and are now eligible under this section;

~~(2)(B)~~ Awards shall be made, second, to the current-year high school graduates who are for the first time eligible to receive an Arkansas Academic Challenge Award; and

~~(3)(C)~~ If sufficient funds are available after funding awards under subdivisions ~~(c)(1) and (c)(2)~~ (a)(3)(A) and (a)(3)(B) of this section, awards may be made to individuals who did not apply during their senior year in high school but would have been eligible if the individuals had applied prior to that year's deadline and who are now eligible under this section.

(b) If sufficient funding is available, any applicant who graduated after December 31, 2003 may be eligible to receive an award to begin in a year other than the freshman year if the applicant:

(1) Is currently enrolled in an eligible institution;

(2) Has achieved at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average,
and

(3) The applicant would have been eligible to receive an academic challenge scholarship based upon the increase family income values established under § 6-82-1005(b)(6)(D)(iv) but did not receive the award because the family income limitations under § 6-82-1005(b)(6)(D)(iii) or did not complete the fourth (4) mathematics requirements because the applicant

did not anticipate eligibility based on the former income guidelines.

(c) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Department of Higher Education shall promulgate regulations necessary for the implementation of this section."

AND

If appropriate, renumber the remaining sections of the bill

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative Burris

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