

# Hall of the House of Representatives

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## Amendment Form

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### Subtitle of House Bill No. 1779

TO AMEND THE WAY THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM — PART  
2 AWARD AMOUNTS ARE DISTRIBUTED.

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### Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1779

Amend House Bill No. 1779 as originally introduced:

Add Representative Davis as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

“SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-85-210(a)(1), concerning continuing eligibility, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) A recipient who meets continuing eligibility criteria under this subchapter shall receive a scholarship for one (1) academic year renewable annually until the recipient first:

(A) Earns a baccalaureate degree;

(B) ~~(i) Has enrolled in eight (8) semesters at an institution of higher education as an undergraduate full-time student; or~~

~~(C) Has enrolled in sixteen (16) semesters at an institution of higher education as an undergraduate part-time student~~ earned one hundred twenty (120) semester credit hours.

(ii) A recipient may continue to receive a scholarship after he or she has earned one hundred twenty (120) semester credit hours, but not more than one hundred thirty (130) semester credit hours, if the student is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program that requires more than one hundred twenty (120) semester credit hours as provided under § 6-61-232.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(e)(1)(A), concerning scholarship award amounts, is amended to read as follows:

(e)(1)(A) Beginning with the ~~2015-2016~~ 2016-2017 academic year, the scholarship award amount under this subchapter for an academic year for a full-time recipient enrolled in a four-year approved institution of higher education is:

(i) ~~Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for a recipient in his or her freshman year~~ who has earned less than twenty-seven (27) semester credit hours;



(ii) Three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for a recipient in his or her sophomore year who has earned at least twenty-seven (27) semester credit hours but less than fifty-seven (57) semester credit hours;

(iii) Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for a recipient in his or her junior year who has earned at least fifty-seven (57) semester credit hours but less than eighty-seven (87) semester credit hours; and

(iv)(a) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for a recipient in his or her senior year who has earned at least eighty-seven (87) semester credit hours but no more than one hundred twenty (120) semester credit hours unless the recipient is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program that requires more than one hundred twenty (120) semester credit hours, but not more than one hundred thirty (130) semester credit hours, as provided under § 6-61-232, then up to the number of credit hours required to complete the baccalaureate program.

(b) A recipient shall receive no more than one (1) year of a five-thousand-dollar scholarship provided under subdivision (e)(1)(A)(vi)(a) of this section unless the recipient is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program that requires more than one hundred twenty (120) semester credit hours as provided under § 6-61-232.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(e)(1), concerning scholarship award amounts, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(C)(i) To determine the correct scholarship award amount based on credit hours, a recipient shall submit a current transcript to the Department of Higher Education no later than June 1 each year.

(ii) A first-time recipient who does not submit a transcript to the department on or before June 1 shall receive the award amount under subdivision (e)(1)(A)(i) of this section."

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_  
By: Representative Tosh  
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Chief Clerk