ARKANSAS SENATE 90th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2015 Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 3

TO MODIFY THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - PART 2; AND TO CLARIFY FUNDING AMOUNTS AND PROVISIONS.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 3

Amend Senate Bill No. 3 as originally introduced:

scholarships <u>for students with continuing eligibility</u> created under this subchapter, the department shall award scholarships after considering applicants <u>to students with continuing eligibility based upon the following</u> <u>criteria</u>:

(A) With First, to students who have the highest level of progress toward completion of a certificate, an associate degree, or a baccalaureate degree and who are enrolled in a program of study that is:

(i) In an area of critical workforce need as determined by the department; or

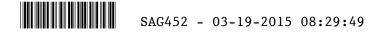
<u>(ii) In a science, technology, engineering, or</u> <u>mathematics field;</u>

(B) <u>Second, to students who have the highest level of</u> progress toward completion of a certificate, an associate degree, or a <u>baccalaureate degree and who are enrolled in a program of study other than</u> those listed in subdivision (i)(2)(A) of this section; and

(C) With Third, in the event funding is insufficient to fully fund students under subdivision (i)(2)(A) or (B) of this section, to students who have the highest high school or postsecondary grade point average, as applicable to the applicant; and

(C) Who are enrolled in or intend to enroll in a program of study that is:

(i) In an area of critical workforce need as determined by the department; or



(ii) In a science, technology, engineering, or

mathematics field. (3)(A) If, after funding all students with continuing eligibility under this section, funding is insufficient to fund all qualified first-time applicants, the department shall award scholarships to first-time applicants in order of priority based upon the first-time applicants' highest ACT or ACT equivalent scores.

(B) If, after prioritizing first-time applicants based upon the applicants' ACT or ACT equivalent scores, funding is insufficient to fund all applicants with equivalent ACT or ACT equivalent scores, the department shall determine who receives an award by random drawing."