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Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 10

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2018-2019
FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 10

Amend Senate Bill No. 10 as engrossed, S2/14/18 (version: 02/14/2018 4:23:21 PM)

Insert additional sections immediately following SECTION 43 of the bill to read as follows:

" SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS WORKFORCE CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS. The Department of Higher Education may transfer Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship funds to:

(1)(A) An Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship account in an amount necessary to fund scholarship awards for nontraditional students for the 2017-2018 academic year that were not funded due to the limitation on the scholarship award amount for nontraditional students under § 6-85-212(e)(2)(A) as it existed before the effective date of this act.

(B) The department may distribute scholarship awards to nontraditional students for the 2017-2018 academic year from funds transferred under subdivision (1)(A) of this section; and

(2)(A) The Office of the Arkansas Lottery in an amount not to exceed the amount required to fund scholarship awards to be distributed under § 6-85-201 et seq. for the 2018-2019 or 2019-2020 academic years without having to draw upon the Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account under § 23-115-802.

(B) If the transfer under subdivision (2)(A) of this section exhausts the department's Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship funds and there remain insufficient funds for distribution as scholarship awards under § 6-85-201 et seq. for the 2018-2019 or 2019-2020 academic years



without having to draw upon the trust account, then the trust account may be drawn upon as provided under § 23-115-802.

SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(e)(2)(A), concerning scholarship awards to nontraditional students, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) The Department of Higher Education shall award an aggregate amount of scholarship awards to nontraditional students beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year of up to ~~twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000)~~ fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000)."

AND

Appropriately renumber the SECTION numbers of the bill.

AND

Insert additional section immediately following SECTION 48. (EFFECTIVE DATE) to read as follows:

" SECTION 49. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. (a) It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that Section 44 - the Section regarding Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Fund transfers, of this act granting the Arkansas Department of Higher Education authority to make Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Fund transfers for scholarship awards for nontraditional students; and Section 45 - the Section regarding increasing the scholarship awards limit to nontraditional students, increasing the aggregate amount of scholarship awards to nontraditional students to fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000), requires immediate implementation in order to facilitate a timely and efficient scholarship transfer and funding process and to ensure these processes are not interrupted or impaired. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and Section 44, regarding Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Fund transfers, and Section 45, regarding the scholarship awards limit to nontraditional students, of this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto."

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

By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Senator Hickey

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