# Fiscal Impact Statement

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**DATE:** 2/14/2023

BILL: SB71, S2/9/23

**SPONSOR:** D. Sullivan

SUBTITLE:

TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION OR PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT BY THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES.

## **TOPIC**

√ Higher Education Scholarships

#### AFFECTED FUNDS

 $\sqrt{}$  Other Revenues - Arkansas Geographical Critical Needs Teacher Scholarship Program

### **REVENUE IMPACT**

√ \$0

#### **ASSUMPTIONS - BASED ON:**

√ Currently, this scholarship program is allocated \$150,000 annually for awards. This limits the number of awards that can be awarded each year. The changes to this program proposed in SB71 would not change that level. It would only increase the number of eligible students that could apply for the awards.

#### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

 $\sqrt{\ }$  If any additional funding were given to the program, that could increase the impact. But without additional funding, there would be a net \$0 impact to the cost of this program.