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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1707

4 By: Representatives Boyd, Cloud  
5 By: Senator B. Davis

6 Filed with: Arkansas Legislative Council  
7 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE ALLOCATION OF ENROLLMENT  
10 POSITIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COLLEGE OF  
11 MEDICINE BASED ON CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND ARKANSAS  
12 RESIDENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

13 **Subtitle**

14 TO ABOLISH THE ALLOCATION OF ENROLLMENT  
15 POSITIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS  
16 COLLEGE OF MEDICINE BASED ON  
17 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND ARKANSAS  
18 RESIDENCY.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-64-406(b), concerning admissions at the  
21 University of Arkansas College of Medicine, is repealed.

22 ~~(b)(1)(A) The board shall allocate the first seventy percent (70%) of~~  
23 ~~the first one hundred fifty (150) enrollment positions for the freshman~~  
24 ~~medical class among Arkansas congressional districts, using the population of~~  
25 ~~each congressional district as determined by the last federal decennial~~  
26 ~~census to determine that district's proportion of the freshman positions so~~  
27 ~~allocated and shall assign those apportioned enrollment positions for each~~  
28 ~~district to those applicants who are legal residents in that particular~~  
29 ~~congressional district.~~

1                   ~~(B) The board shall give additional consideration to rural~~  
2 ~~applicants from medically underserved areas in an effort to address health~~  
3 ~~disparities.~~

4                   ~~(2)(A) The next fifteen percent (15%) of the first one hundred~~  
5 ~~fifty (150) freshman enrollment positions shall be allocated to the state at~~  
6 ~~large and assigned to applicants who are legal residents of any place within~~  
7 ~~Arkansas.~~

8                   ~~(B) However, in allocating the fifteen percent (15%) to~~  
9 ~~the state at large, the board may allocate not to exceed one third (1/3) of~~  
10 ~~the fifteen percent (15%) of the first one hundred fifty (150) freshman~~  
11 ~~enrollment positions to applicants who do not actually reside in the state~~  
12 ~~but who were born and reared and attended public schools in Arkansas and who~~  
13 ~~in addition thereto shall meet two (2) or more of the following criteria:~~

14                                 ~~(i) Applicant is a registered voter in Arkansas;~~

15                                 ~~(ii) Applicant holds a current valid Arkansas~~  
16 ~~driver's license;~~

17                                 ~~(iii) Applicant or parents of applicant are Arkansas~~  
18 ~~taxpayers;~~

19                                 ~~(iv) Parent of applicant resides in or is employed~~  
20 ~~in Arkansas; and~~

21                                 ~~(v) Applicant meets other related criteria as may be~~  
22 ~~prescribed by the board.~~

23                   ~~(3) The remaining fifteen percent (15%) of the first one hundred~~  
24 ~~fifty (150) freshman enrollment positions may be assigned either to legal~~  
25 ~~residents or to nonresidents, however, any qualified legal resident shall~~  
26 ~~have a preference in securing an assignment to a position when compared to a~~  
27 ~~nonresident, and the total number of nonresidents assigned positions shall~~  
28 ~~not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the first one hundred fifty (150)~~  
29 ~~freshman enrollment positions assigned for any school year.~~

30                   ~~(4) The board may provide for an alteration in the percentages~~  
31 ~~set forth in this subsection only if the adherence to these percentages would~~  
32 ~~endanger the accredited rating of the University of Arkansas College of~~  
33 ~~Medicine as determined by the Standards of the Association of American~~  
34 ~~Medical Colleges.~~

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