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SENATE BILL 506

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ARKANSAS STATE POLICE STUDENT LOAN
9 PROGRAM TO PROVIDE LOANS TO MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS STATE
10 POLICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF EARNING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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15 POLICE STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM TO PROVIDE
16 LOANS TO MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS STATE
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18 BACHELOR'S DEGREE."

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

23 SECTION 1. There is established an Arkansas State Police Student Loan
24 Program to be administered by the Arkansas State Police Commission in
25 accordance with the provisions of this act.

27 SECTION 2. The Arkansas State Police Commission shall adopt such
28 reasonable rules and regulations necessary to effectively and efficiently
29 carry out the purposes of this act.

31 SECTION 3. (a) The Arkansas State Police Commission shall:
32 (1) Prescribe forms to be used in the loan program;
33 (2) Regulate the submission of applications for loans;
34 (3) Determine eligibility of applicants;
35 (4) Allow or disallow applications for financial assistance;

1 (5) Contract for, increase, decrease, terminate, and otherwise
2 regulate all loans made under this act and the repayment of these loans;

3 (6) Forgive loans and portions of loans as provided for in this
4 act; and

5 (7) Manage, operate, and control all funds and property
6 appropriated or otherwise contributed for purposes of funding this program.

7 (b) The Arkansas State Police Commission is authorized to accept gifts,
8 grants, bequests, devises, donations, and any federal funds available for
9 this purpose and to deposit any funds so received in the Arkansas State
10 Police Student Loan Revolving Fund created by this act, to be used together
11 with funds appropriated for the program for making loans under the provisions
12 of this act.

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14 SECTION 4. The Arkansas State Police Commission may make a loan to
15 an applicant under the provisions of this act when it determines that an
16 applicant:

17 (a) Is a member of the Arkansas State Police or an applicant who has
18 been determined qualified pursuant to Arkansas Code § 12-8-201;

19 (b) Is enrolled in or has been accepted for admission to an Arkansas
20 public or private postsecondary institution that is accredited or has
21 achieved candidacy status from the North Central Association - Commission on
22 Institutions of Higher Education; and

23 (c) Is in need of financial assistance to complete his or her education.

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25 SECTION 5. Each recipient of a loan under the provisions of this act
26 shall execute a written contract with the commission for the repayment of the
27 loan under such terms as provided in this act and as the commission shall
28 prescribe.

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30 SECTION 6. (a) The commission may make a loan to an applicant in an
31 amount not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per year. The loan may be
32 used to pay the applicant's tuition, maintenance, and other education
33 expenses while enrolled in an approved institution as described in Section
34 4(b) of this act.

35 (b) The commission is to select applicants from each of the four

1 Congressional districts of this state with no more than two (2) loans per
2 year from each Congressional district.

3 (c) Each loan made to an applicant under this act shall be for one (1)
4 academic year.

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6 SECTION 7. (a) Each loan made to an applicant pursuant to this act,
7 subject to the availability of funds, shall be renewable annually for the
8 number of years required to complete the qualifications for a bachelor's
9 degree.

10 (b) Any loan made to an applicant subsequent to an initial loan shall be
11 made only upon application of the recipient and upon finding by the
12 commission that:

13 (1) The applicant has successfully completed the requirements of
14 the preceding academic year and remains in good standing as an enrolled
15 student in the college or university; and

16 (2) The financial situation of the applicant warrants the making
17 of a loan under the provisions of this act.

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19 SECTION 8. Each contract shall include a provision that if the
20 recipient, upon completion of his bachelor's degree, remains a member of the
21 Arkansas State Police, twenty percent (20%) of the principal amount of all
22 loans made to the recipient under the provisions of this act and the interest
23 thereon will be cancelled for each year the recipient remains a member of the
24 Arkansas State Police. However, no portion of the loan shall be cancelled
25 unless the recipient remains a member of the Arkansas State Police for at
26 least two (2) successive years.

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28 SECTION 9. Any recipient of a loan under this act who, upon completion
29 of his education, does not become or remain a member of the Arkansas State
30 Police in accordance with the provisions of this act shall be obligated to
31 repay the loans received under the provisions of this act in accordance with
32 the provisions of the contracts, together with interest at the rate of ten
33 percent (10%) per annum. The interest shall accrue from the date each loan
34 was received by the recipient.

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1 SECTION 10. If the recipient of the loan ceases to be enrolled in good
2 standing in an approved institution prior to completion of the education
3 requirements for a bachelor's degree, all loans made under this act to such
4 person, and the interest thereon, shall become due and payable immediately,
5 or as may be otherwise provided in the contract for the loans.

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7 SECTION 11. The Arkansas State Police Student Loan Revolving Fund is
8 created, and all funds appropriated by the General Assembly or otherwise made
9 available to the commission for this program shall be deposited in the fund.
10 All loans made under the provisions of this act shall be made from the fund,
11 and all loan payments under this act shall be deposited in the fund.

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13 SECTION 12. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
14 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
15 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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17 SECTION 13. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
18 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
19 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
20 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
21 act are declared to be severable.

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23 SECTION 14. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
24 hereby repealed.

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