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4 By: Representative Young

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1058

## For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE REDUCED TUITION AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS  
OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR STATE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR  
DEPENDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

"TO PROVIDE REDUCED TUITION TO PUBLIC  
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR  
STATE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS."

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

SECTION 1. As used in this act:

(1) "State employee" means any person who is employed by the State of  
Arkansas on a full-time basis and has been so employed for at least ten (10)  
years;

(2) "Dependent" means a spouse or any natural child, stepchild, or  
adopted child, provided, however, that such an adoption shall have become  
final on or before the child's fourteenth (14th) birthday;

(3) "Institution of higher education" means a university, college,  
technical college, community college, or technical institute;

(4) "Tuition means charges levied for attendance at an institution of  
higher education, but shall not include any fees charged or used for student  
activities, including any student athletic fee.

SECTION 2. (a) Any State employee, or his or her dependent, who is  
enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment in a public institution of higher  
education in Arkansas, shall have tuition reduced at a rate equal to the  
reduced rate of tuition provided to employees of that institution so long as  
the State employee or his or her dependent remains in good academic standing

1 as a full-time student.

2 (b)(1) No State employee, or his or her dependent, may utilize the  
3 provisions of this act for educational purposes beyond the baccalaureate  
4 degree.

5 (2)(A) The reduced rate of tuition shall be terminated if the  
6 state employee or his or her dependent has not completed a baccalaureate  
7 degree program within five (5) years of initial admission to a public  
8 institution of higher education.

9 (B) The state employee or his or her dependent may appeal  
10 any termination to the State Board of Higher Education in instances of severe  
11 personal illness, medical disability, or activation for full-time military  
12 service.

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14 SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall be effective for academic  
15 years beginning on and after August 1, 1997.

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17 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
18 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
19 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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21 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
22 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
23 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
24 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
25 act are declared to be severable.

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27 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
28 hereby repealed.

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