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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1059

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FREE TUITION TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF  
9 HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN OF ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL  
10 TEACHERS WHO HAVE AT LEAST TEN (10) YEARS TEACHING  
11 EXPERIENCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

14 "TO PROVIDE FREE TUITION TO PUBLIC  
15 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR  
16 CHILDREN OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO  
17 HAVE AT LEAST 10 YEARS TEACHING  
18 EXPERIENCE."

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

22 SECTION 1. As used in this act:

23 (1) "Teacher" means any person employed in a public school district who  
24 is required to hold a license issued by the State Board of Education as a  
25 condition of employment and has at least ten (10) years of teaching experience  
26 with public school districts in the state of Arkansas;

27 (2) "Child" means any natural child, stepchild, or adopted child,  
28 provided, however, that such adoption shall have become final on or before the  
29 child's fourteenth (14th) birthday;

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

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

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36 SECTION 2. (a) Any child of a teacher, who is enrolled or has been

1 accepted for enrollment in a public institution of higher education in  
2 Arkansas, shall have tuition waived so long as the child remains in good  
3 standing as a full-time student.

4 (b)(1) No child may utilize the provisions of this act for educational  
5 purposes beyond the baccalaureate degree.

6 (2)(A) The waiver of tuition shall be terminated if the child has  
7 not completed a baccalaureate degree program within five (5) years of initial  
8 admission to a public institution of higher education.

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

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13 SECTION 3. The State Board of Higher Education shall promulgate such  
14 rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of this  
15 act.

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17 SECTION 4. The provisions of this act shall be effective for academic  
18 years beginning on and after August 1, 1997.

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20 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
21 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
22 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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24 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
25 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
26 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
27 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
28 act are declared to be severable.

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30 SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
31 hereby repealed.

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