

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 31

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5 By: Senator Gwatney
6 By: Representative Bond

For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 "AN ACT TO MAKE EMERGENCY SECONDARY EDUCATION LOANS
11 AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS ENROLLED AS A MAJOR IN A PROGRAM
12 OF STUDY LEADING TO TEACHER CERTIFICATION FOR FOREIGN
13 LANGUAGES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

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17 "AN ACT TO MAKE EMERGENCY SECONDARY
18 EDUCATION LOANS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS
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21 FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND SPECIAL
22 EDUCATION. "

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

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-81-501 is amended as follows:

27 "6-81-501. Legislative purpose.

28 There are serious shortages of fully qualified secondary school teachers
29 of mathematics, foreign languages, special education and the sciences in
30 Arkansas. It is the purpose of this subchapter to improve secondary level
31 instruction in mathematics, foreign languages, special education and the
32 sciences by providing loans to those students in Arkansas colleges and
33 universities preparing for teacher certification in the fields of mathematics,
34 foreign languages, special education, chemistry, physics, biology, physical
35 science, or general science and who plan to teach these subjects in secondary
36 schools in Arkansas. "

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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 6-81-503 is amended as follows:

"6-81-503. Program termination.

The program established by this subchapter shall be continued until such time as the Director of General Education of the Department of Education shall certify to the Governor and General Assembly that there is no longer an emergency need for secondary school teachers of mathematics, foreign languages, special education, and the sciences in Arkansas."

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 6-81-506 (2) and (3) pertaining to the Student Assistance Grant Program is amended as follows:

"(2) Loan recipients shall be enrolled full-time or part-time if employed by an accredited school district, in a regionally accredited public or independent college or university in Arkansas with a teacher education program which has been approved by the Department of Education or in a regionally accredited two-year institution in Arkansas where those courses taken are directly creditable toward such program;

(3) A loan recipient shall be enrolled as a major in a program of study leading to secondary teacher certification in Arkansas in mathematics, foreign language, special education, chemistry, physics, biology, physical science, or general science, or shall have completed a program of study as a major in such field culminating in a baccalaureate degree, and shall be enrolled in a program leading to secondary teacher certification in Arkansas;"

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 6-81-511 is amended as follows:

"6-81-511. Expansion of program.

Upon certification by the State Board of Education that a shortage of teachers exists in Arkansas in one (1) or more teaching fields other than mathematics, foreign languages, special education, and the sciences, students may receive loans under the conditions stated in this subchapter for study in such shortage fields."

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

1 SECTION 6. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to
2 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
3 other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without
4 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
5 Act are declared to be severable.

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7 SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are
8 hereby repealed.

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