

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

State of Arkansas

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82nd General Assembly

A Bill

Regular Session, 1999

SENATE BILL 835

By: Senator Mahony

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
DISTINGUISHED GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

"AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELIGIBILITY
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DISTINGUISHED
GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-82-305 is amended to read as follows:

"6-82-305. Recipients known as Arkansas Governor's Scholars or
Distinguished Scholars.
Students receiving scholarships shall be known as Arkansas Governor's
Scholars. ~~Those Students~~ who exhibit extraordinary academic ability shall be
known as Arkansas Governor's Distinguished Scholars."

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 6-82-306(d) pertaining to eligibility is
amended to read as follows:

"(d) Students who ~~are selected as Arkansas Governor's Scholars who also~~
exhibit extraordinary academic ability as defined in this subchapter shall be
designated as Arkansas Governor's Distinguished Scholars."

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 6-82-311(c) pertaining to term, renewal, and
allocation of scholarships is amended to read as follows:

"(c) The scholarship shall be awarded for one (1) academic year and

1 renewed annually for three (3) additional academic years if the student
2 maintains not less than a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scholastic grading
3 scale and meets other criteria as established by the department. However,
4 effective after July 1, 1999, a student receiving the additional scholarship
5 under § 6-82-312(b) must maintain not less than a ~~3.5~~ 3.25 grade point average
6 on a 4.0 scholastic grading scale."

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8 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 6-82-312(b) pertaining to scholarship amounts
9 is amended to read as follows:

10 "(b) Students who are ~~awarded Arkansas Governor's Scholarships and who~~
11 ~~also~~ first-time entering freshmen after July 1, 1997, and who exhibit
12 extraordinary academic achievement shall ~~also~~ be awarded, in addition to the
13 award in subsection (a), an amount per year which, when combined with the
14 award in subsection (a), equals tuition, room and board, and mandatory fees
15 charged for a regular full-time course load by the approved institution in
16 which the recipient is enrolled."

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18 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code 6-82-315 is repealed.

19 ~~6-82-315. Calculation of amount - State Board of Higher Education.~~
20 ~~In calculating the amount of an award under § 6-82-312(b), the State Board of~~
21 ~~Higher Education shall presume that the amounts of tuition, room and board,~~
22 ~~and fees are the amounts which were published by the approved institution for~~
23 ~~the 1996-1997 academic year, adjusted annually for inflation.~~

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25 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code 6-82-316 is repealed.

26 ~~6-82-316. Calculation of amount - Department of Higher Education.~~
27 ~~In calculating the amount of an award under § 6-82-312(b), the Department of~~
28 ~~Higher Education shall presume that the amount of tuition, room and board, and~~
29 ~~fees are the amounts which were published by the approved institution for the~~
30 ~~1996-1997 academic year, adjusted annually for inflation.~~

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32 SECTION 7. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
33 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
34 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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36 SECTION 8. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to

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

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6 SECTION 9. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
7 hereby repealed.

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9 SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
10 Eighty-second General Assembly that in order to award scholarships based on
11 the provisions of this act to students entering college during the 1999-2000
12 academic year, immediate implementation of this act is necessary. Therefore,
13 an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for
14 the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective
15 on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved
16 nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the
17 period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is
18 vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective
19 on the date the last house overrides the veto.

20 /s/ Mahony
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