

1 State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: S12/14/00* Call Item 4
2 82nd General Assembly **A Bill**
3 Second Extraordinary Session, 2000 SENATE BILL 2
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5 By: Senators Beebe, Bradford, Russ, *Canada, Fitch, Gwatney, Hill, Hunter, D. Malone, Hoofman,*
6 *Argue, Brown, Mahony*
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8 *Laverty, Luker, Madison, Rodgers, Wilkinson, Jones, Parks, Hausam, Teague, French, Hathorn, Bond,*
9 *Horn, Milum, Biggs, Prater, T. Smith, Morris, Elliott, Minton*
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12 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

13 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE GOVERNOR'S
14 SCHOLAR'S AND ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
15 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHICH SHALL BE
16 SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS
17 APPROPRIATED BY ACT 1180 OF 1999; AND FOR OTHER
18 PURPOSES.
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21 **Subtitle**

22 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
23 EDUCATION - GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS AND
24 ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
25 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.
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28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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30 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS AND ACADEMIC CHALLENGE
31 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
32 Higher Education, to be payable from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account,
33 for providing student assistance grants and scholarships as provided by law by
34 the Department of Higher Education which shall be supplemental and in addition
35 to those funds appropriated in Section 6 of Act 1180 of 1999, the following:
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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2000-2001</u>
(01) GOVERNOR' S SCHOLARS PROGRAM AWARDS	\$ 2,000,000
(02) ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>11,800,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 13,800,000</u>

SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer the sum of thirteen million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$13,800,000) from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to the Higher Education Grants Fund Account to provide funds for student assistance grants and scholarships.

SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly meeting in extraordinary session, that funds provided by the General

1 Assembly for the operations of the Department of Higher Education are, due to
2 unforeseen circumstances, insufficient for the Department of Higher Education
3 to continue to provide essential governmental services; that the provisions of
4 this act will provide the necessary monies for the Department of Higher
5 Education to continue such services; that the General Assembly made a
6 commitment to over 11,000 students enrolled in Arkansas institutions of higher
7 education, that the state would assist them in meeting expenses in attending
8 higher education institutions through scholarship programs; that the number
9 that would take advantage of the scholarships was seriously underestimated and
10 that without additional support, many of these students will be unable to
11 continue their education; and that a delay in the effective date of this Act
12 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of
13 essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to
14 exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the
15 public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and
16 after the date of its passage and approval.

17 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become
18 effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor
19 may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
20 overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the
21 veto.

22 */s/ Beebe*

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