Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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By: Representatives Rosenbaum, Bright, Key

## For An Act To Be Entitled

an act to allow a deduction from arkansas income TAX FOR EDUCATION EXPENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT TO ALLOW A DEDUCTION FROM ARKANSAS INCOME TAX FOR EDUCATION EXPENSES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 5l, Subchapter 4 is amended by adding an additional section to read as follows:

26-51-453. Deductions - Education expenses.
(a) For the purposes of computing net income under the Income Tax Act of 1929, § 26-51-101 et seq., a deduction from income is allowed for a taxpayer who has a child who is a full-time pupil enrolled in a kindergarten through grade twelve ( $\mathrm{K}-12$ ) education program at any school.
(b) A taxpayer may deduct amounts paid for book fees, lab fees, and any other expenses required by the school where the pupil is enrolled during the regular school year. The maximum amount of the deduction is two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each tax year.
(c) Married taxpayers filing separately on different returns may divide the deduction equally, with each spouse limited to a maximum deduction of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) per tax year.
(d) The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration shall promulgate rules necessary for the administration of this section.

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