

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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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2653

5 By: Representatives Dickinson, Abernathy, Berry, Blount, Bolin, Boyd, Childers, Cowling, Davis, Dunn,
6 Edwards, Elliott, D. Evans, L. Evans, Everett, Fite, George, Jeffrey, J. Johnson, Kenney, Key, Mack,
7 Mahony, M. Martin, Matayo, Mathis, Maxwell, Nichols, Norton, Overbey, Petrus, Ragland, Rainey,
8 Rankin, Sample, Saunders, Thyer, Verkamp, Walters, Wells, Wills, Wood, Wyatt
9 By: Senators Bryles, Baker, J. Bookout, Broadway, Capps, Critcher, G. Jeffress, J. Jeffress, Miller

For An Act To Be Entitled

13 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S
14 SCHOLARSHIP TO A STUDENT IN EACH OF THE SEVENTY-
15 FIVE (75) COUNTIES IN ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER
16 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

19 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S
20 SCHOLARSHIP TO A STUDENT IN EACH OF THE
21 SEVENTY-FIVE (75) COUNTIES IN ARKANSAS.

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

26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-82-308 is amended to read as follows:

27 6-82-308. Number and geographic distribution of scholarships.

28 (a) If sufficient funds are available, effective for students
29 receiving their initial awards beginning in fall ~~2004~~ 2005, the number of
30 initial scholarship awards to eligible high achievers shall not exceed ~~two~~
31 ~~hundred seventy five (275)~~ three hundred twenty-five (325) each year, to be
32 distributed as follows:

33 (1) Up to two hundred fifty (250) Arkansas Governor's
34 Distinguished Scholarships; and

35 (2) (A) Twenty-five (25) ~~Twenty-five (25)~~ Seventy-five (75) Arkansas Governor's
36 Scholarships at four thousand dollars (\$4,000) per year.



1 (B) The seventy-five (75) Arkansas Governor's Scholarships
2 shall be awarded to one (1) student in each of the seventy-five (75) counties
3 in Arkansas.

4 (b)(1) Effective for students receiving their initial awards beginning
5 in fall ~~2002~~ 2004, up to two hundred fifty (250) initial Arkansas Governor's
6 Distinguished Scholarship awards and twenty-five (25) initial Arkansas
7 Governor's Scholarship awards may be provided if, at the end of calendar year
8 2001 and each year thereafter, the Department of Higher Education can
9 demonstrate, based on economic projections and revenue forecasts relative to
10 the number of Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship recipients then
11 receiving the scholarship, that sufficient funds are available for that
12 purpose.

13 (2) A report of the same shall be submitted to the House Interim
14 Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on Education and the
15 Legislative Council for review prior to obligating the funds.

16 (3) Should a shortfall of funds be projected, the department
17 shall promulgate regulations for the priority funding of these scholarships
18 and submit these proposed regulations to the Arkansas Higher Education
19 Coordinating Board for a public hearing and to the Legislative Council
20 through its Rules and Regulations Subcommittee for review before implementing
21 the regulations.

22 ~~(c) The department is authorized to adjust the distribution of these~~
23 ~~scholarships to ensure one (1) award in each of the seventy five (75)~~
24 ~~counties.~~

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26 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
27 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that new scholarships under the
28 Arkansas Governor's scholarship program need to be awarded to students
29 graduating in May of 2005; that the Department of Higher Education needs
30 sufficient time to solicit and receive scholarship applications; and that
31 this act is immediately necessary to ensure the proper administration of the
32 scholarship program. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this
33 act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace,
34 health, and safety shall become effective on:

35 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

36 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,

1 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
2 bill; or

3 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
4 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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