

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2697

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5 By: Representative Harris
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO PROTECT COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM INCREASED
10 TUITION COSTS PRIOR TO GRADUATION; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 INCREASED TUITION COSTS PRIOR TO
16 GRADUATION.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 82, Subchapter 1 is amended
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 6-82-105. Tuition freeze.

24 (a) For purposes of this section:

25 (1) "Qualifying institution" means a public institution of
26 higher education in Arkansas; and

27 (2) "Qualifying student" means an undergraduate student
28 enrolling in a qualifying institution after the 2005-2006 school year.

29 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, during the
30 four (4) continuous academic years next following a qualifying student's
31 initial enrollment at a qualifying institution, the tuition charged to a
32 qualifying student shall not exceed the amount that the qualifying student
33 was charged at the time he or she first enrolled in the qualifying
34 institution.

35 (c)(1) The tuition charged to a qualifying student enrolled in a
36 degree program that requires more than four (4) years to complete shall not



1 exceed the amount that was charged at the time the qualifying student first
2 enrolled in the qualifying institution for the customary time required to
3 complete the degree program.

4 (2) The customary time required to complete a degree program
5 shall be defined by the qualifying institution offering the degree program.

6 (3) If the qualifying student changes majors during the time
7 period referred to in subsections (b) or (c) of this section, the tuition
8 charged to the qualifying student shall equal the amount the qualifying
9 student would have been assessed had the qualifying student been admitted to
10 the changed major program when the qualifying student first enrolled in the
11 qualifying institution.

12 (d) Only technical colleges, community colleges, universities, or
13 other institutions of higher education that implement the provisions of this
14 act may be approved by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board to
15 receive funding from the Academic Challenge Scholarship program or the
16 Arkansas Governor's Distinguished Scholarship program.

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