

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 1031

5 By: Representatives Gaskill, Patterson, Reynolds, Hoyt, J. Roebuck
6 By: Senator R. Thompson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO PROVIDE REDUCED COLLEGE TUITION TO
11 STATE POLICE OFFICERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO PROVIDE REDUCED COLLEGE
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16 THEIR DEPENDENTS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, Subchapter 2 is amended*
23 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

24 6-60-213. Reduced tuition for certain police officers.

25 (a) As used in this section:

26 (1)(A) "Covered police officer" means:

27 (i) Any employee of the Department of Arkansas State

28 Police who:

29 (a) Holds the rank of state trooper or a
30 higher rank; and

31 (b) Has been an employee of the
32 department for ten (10) or more years;

33 (ii) Any highway patrol police officer who has been
34 an employee of the highway patrol for ten (10) or more years;

35 (iii) Any officer of the State Capitol Police who
36 has been an employee of the State Capitol Police for ten (10) or more years;



1 or

2 (iv) Any wildlife officer who has been an employee
3 of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for ten (10) or more years.

4 (B) "Covered police officer" does not include:

5 (i) A civilian employee; or

6 (ii) Any person who is temporarily employed as a
7 covered police officer due to an emergency situation;

8 (2) "Dependent" means a spouse or any natural child, stepchild,
9 or adopted child of a covered police officer;

10 (3) "Institution of higher education" means a university,
11 college, technical college, community college, or technical institute; and

12 (4)(A) "Tuition" means charges levied for attendance at an
13 institution of higher education.

14 (B) "Tuition" does not include any fees charged or used
15 for student activities, including without limitation any student athletic
16 fee.

17 (b) Any covered police officer or his or her dependent who is enrolled
18 or has been accepted for enrollment in a public institution of higher
19 education in Arkansas shall have tuition reduced at a rate equal to the
20 reduced rate of tuition provided to employees of that public institution of
21 higher education.

22 (c) No covered police officer or his or her dependent may utilize the
23 reduced rate of tuition for educational purposes beyond the baccalaureate
24 degree.

25 (d)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (d)(2) of this section, a
26 covered police officer or his or her dependent shall receive a reduced rate
27 of tuition so long as the covered police officer or his or her dependent
28 remains in good academic standing as determined by the public institution of
29 higher education in which he or she is enrolled.

30 (2)(A) The reduced rate of tuition shall be terminated if the
31 covered police officer or his or her dependent has not completed a
32 baccalaureate degree program within five (5) years of initial admission to a
33 public institution of higher education.

34 (B) The covered police officer or his or her dependent may
35 appeal any termination to the board of trustees of the public institution of
36 higher education in which he or she is enrolled in instances of:

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- (i) Severe personal illness;
- (ii) Medical disability; or
- (iii) Activation for full-time military service.

/s/ Gaskill, et al