

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
6 By: Senator R. Thompson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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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 state police officers.

25 (a) As used in this section:

26 (1)(A) "State police officer" means any employee of the
27 Department of Arkansas State Police who:

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

30 (ii) Has been an employee of the department for ten
31 (10) or more years.

32 (B) The term "state police officer" shall not include:

33 (i) A civilian employee of the department; or

34 (ii) Any person who is temporarily employed as a
35 state trooper or a higher rank due to an emergency situation;

36 (2) "Dependent" means a spouse or any natural child, stepchild,



1 or adopted child of a state police officer;

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

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

6 (B) "Tuition" does not include any fees charged or used
 7 for student activities, including without limitation any student athletic
 8 fee.

9 (b) Any state police officer or his or her dependent who is enrolled
 10 or has been accepted for enrollment in a public institution of higher
 11 education in Arkansas shall have tuition reduced at a rate equal to the
 12 reduced rate of tuition provided to employees of that public institution of
 13 higher education.

14 (c) No state police officer or his or her dependent may utilize the
 15 reduced rate of tuition for educational purposes beyond the baccalaureate
 16 degree.

17 (d)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (d)(2) of this section, a
 18 state police officer or his or her dependent shall receive a reduced rate of
 19 tuition so long as:

20 (A) The state police officer or his or her dependent
 21 remains in good academic standing as determined by the public institution of
 22 higher education in which he or she is enrolled; and

23 (B) The state police officer or his or her dependent
 24 remains a full-time student.

25 (2)(A) The reduced rate of tuition shall be terminated if the
 26 state police officer or his or her dependent has not completed a
 27 baccalaureate degree program within five (5) years of initial admission to a
 28 public institution of higher education.

29 (B) The state police officer or his or her dependent may
 30 appeal any termination to the State Board of Higher Education in instances
 31 of:

32 (i) Severe personal illness;

33 (ii) Medical disability; or

34 (iii) Activation for full-time military service.

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