

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 86th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2007
4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 26

5 By: Senator Madison
6 By: Representatives Harrelson, Greenberg, Burris
7

For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO REGULATE THE ADMINISTRATION AND USE OF
11 STATE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
12 TO STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
13

Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO REGULATE THE ADMINISTRATION
16 AND USE OF STATE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY
17 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS.
18
19

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
21

22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-82-105 is amended to read as follows:

23 6-82-105. Administration - Authority of Department of Higher Education.

24 (a) The Department of Higher Education shall administer all state
25 college and university financial assistance programs provided by legislation
26 or by law and in so doing shall have the following authority and
27 responsibility with respect to state college and university financial
28 assistance programs provided by legislation or by law to:

29 (1) Adopt such rules as the department shall deem necessary or
30 appropriate to carry out the purposes of this subchapter;

31 (2) Establish and consult, as necessary, an advisory committee
32 representing the private and public sectors of postsecondary education in
33 determining guidelines and regulations for administration of the student
34 financial aid programs, including, but not limited to, rules determining
35 academic ability, financial need, and residency;

36 (3) Prepare application forms, parents' confidential financial



1 statement forms, or any other forms as necessary to properly administer and
 2 carry out the purposes of this subchapter and to furnish the forms to persons
 3 desiring to make application for state financial aid;

4 (4) Consider all applications for state scholarships;

5 (5) Determine a termination date for the acceptance of
 6 applications;

7 (6) Require applicants to file additional information with the
 8 department as necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of this
 9 subchapter and to prevent fraud, misrepresentation, or misleading
 10 representation by applicants;

11 (7) Determine the necessary procedures for the awarding of
 12 grants should the number of eligible applicants exceed funds available;

13 (8) Disburse scholarship grants to qualified students through
 14 eligible postsecondary institutions;

15 (9) Approve or determine the eligibility of any state-supported
 16 institution of higher education to participate in or receive disbursements of
 17 financial aid on behalf of students awarded any state financial assistance
 18 provided by legislation or by law;

19 (10) Cooperate with and receive the cooperation of the approved
 20 private and public institutions of postsecondary education in the state and
 21 their governing bodies in the administration of the scholarship program;

22 (11) Employ or engage such professional, administrative,
 23 clerical, and other employees as may be necessary to assist the department in
 24 the performance of its duties and responsibilities; and

25 (12) Provide fair and equitable treatment to all approved
 26 institutions and students.

27 (b) All state college and university financial assistance and
 28 scholarships shall:

29 (1) Be distributed to the recipient no later than:

30 (A) Prior to the beginning of the applicable school year,
 31 semester, or summer session; or

32 (B) Within ten (10) days of the recipient's approval; and

33 (2) Be available for use at any local business.

34
 35
 36