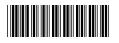
Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 2	State of Arkansas 87th General Assembly A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2009 SENATE BILL	799
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5	By: Senator Elliott	
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO INCREASE ACCESS TO POSTSECONDARY	
10	EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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12	Subtitle	
13	TO INCREASE ACCESS TO POSTSECONDARY	
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:	
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19	SECTION 1. The General Assembly finds that:	
20	(1) There are children of undocumented immigrants who have live	ved
21	in Arkansas most of their lives;	
22	(2) Most of these children have spent their formative years in	<u>n</u>
23	Arkansas elementary and secondary schools;	
24	(3) Many of these children have proven their academic ability	by
25	graduating from Arkansas high schools;	
26	(4) Many of these children are precluded from accessing an	
27	affordable college education because they do not qualify for in-state tuit:	ion
28	rates or state-supported scholarships;	
29	(5) Educational opportunities should be offered to all childre	<u>en</u>
30	so they may contribute to the future economic viability of Arkansas;	
31	(6) There is a correlation between the number of residents wit	<u>th</u>
32	a college degree and the economic health of the state;	
33	(7) It is critical that Arkansas increase the number of	
34	individuals living in the state that possess a college degree; and	
35	(8) It is the charge of Congress to address any burdensome law	NS.
36	or regulations that complicate the ability of the states to make	



1	postsecondary education accessible to all young graduates.
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3	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, Subchapter 2 is amended
4	to add an additional section to read as follows:
5	6-60-214. Access to postsecondary education.
6	(a) This act shall be known as the "Access to Postsecondary Education
7	<u>Act of 2009".</u>
8	(b) Any tuition rate that is granted to residents of Arkansas shall be
9	granted on the same terms to all persons who have attended a secondary
10	educational institution in Arkansas for at least three (3) years and who have
11	either graduated from an Arkansas high school or received a general education
12	diploma in the state.
13	(c) In addition to the requirements under subdivision (b) of this
14	section, a student without documented immigration status shall file an
15	affidavit with the state-supported institution of higher education stating
16	that the student has an intent to legalize his or her immigration status.
17	(c) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall promulgate
18	rules necessary to implement this act.
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