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8		For An Act To Be Entitled		
9		O AMEND THE ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIP LOT		
10		ANSAS CODE § 6-85-201 ET SEQ. AND §		
11		ET SEQ.; TO AMEND OTHER ARKANSAS COD		
12	PROVISIO	ONS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF	THE	
13	ARKANSAS	ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROG	RAM,	
14	PART 2;	TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS LOTTERY		
15	COMMISSI	ON TO WITHHOLD STATE INCOME TAX FROM	1	
16	LOTTERY	PRIZE WINNINGS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOS	ES.	
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18		Subtitle		
19	TO AM	IEND THE ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIP		
20	LOTTE	RY ACT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR STATE		
21	INCOM	E TAX WITHHOLDING FROM LOTTERY		
22	PRIZE	WINNINGS.		
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25	BE IT ENACTED BY THE G	ENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKA	NSAS:	
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27	SECTION 1. Arka	nsas Code § 6-85-204(5) - (17), conc	erning definitio	ns
28	used in the Arkansas A	cademic Challenge Scholarship Program	m — Part 2, is	
29	amended to read as fol	lows:		
30	<u>(5)</u> "Cont	inuously enrolled" means:		
31	<u>(A)</u>	For a traditional student, he or she	<u>e completes at a</u>	. <u>n</u>
32	approved institution o	f higher education twenty-seven (27)	semester hours	in
33	<u>the first academic yea</u>	r as a recipient and completes thirt	y (30) semester	
34	<u>hours each academic ye</u>	ar thereafter, not including any sum	mer term;	
35	<u>(B)</u>	For a full-time nontraditional stude	ent, he or she	
36	completes at an approv	ed institution of higher education a	t least fifteen	



1	(15) semester hours of courses in consecutive semesters, not including a
2	summer term;
3	(C) For a full-time current achiever student, he or she:
4	(i) Before receiving a scholarship under this
5	subchapter, completed at least twelve (12) semester hours of courses in
6	consecutive semesters, not including a summer term; and
7	(ii) As a recipient of a scholarship under this
8	subchapter, completes at an approved institution of higher education at least
9	fifteen (15) semester hours of courses in consecutive semesters, not
10	including a summer term; and
11	(D) For a part-time nontraditional student, he or she
12	completes at an approved institution of higher education at least six (6)
13	semester hours of courses in consecutive semesters, not including a summer
14	term;
15	(6) "Current achiever student" means a student:
16	(A) Who meets the requirements of § 6-85-209; and
17	(B) Is not a traditional student or a nontraditional
18	student.
19	(5)(7) "End-of-course assessment" means an examination taken at
20	the completion of a course of study to determine whether a student
21	demonstrates attainment of the knowledge and skills necessary for mastery of
22	that subject;
23	(6)(8) "General Educational Development test" means a test
24	measuring the knowledge and skills usually learned in high school that is
25	administered by a state-approved institution or organization;
26	(7)(9) "High school grade point average" means the numbered
27	grade average on a student's high school transcript calculated <u>:</u>
28	(A) For a traditional student, using the first seven (7)
29	of the last eight (8) semesters the student completed prior to graduating
30	high school <u>; or</u>
31	(B) For a nontraditional student, using the last eight (8)
32	semesters the student completed before graduating high school;
33	(C) Recognized by the United States Department of
34	Education for financial aid purposes;
35	(8)(10) "Lawful permanent resident" means a non-United States
36	citizen who resides in the United States under a legally recognized and

1 lawfully recorded permanent residence and who may receive state public 2 benefits under 8 U.S.C. § 1622; 3 (9)(11) "Net proceeds from the state lottery" means lottery 4 proceeds for one (1) fiscal year less the operating expenses, as defined in § 5 23-115-103 for the fiscal year; 6 (10)(12) "Nonlottery state educational resources" means the 7 funding available for state-supported scholarships and grants for students 8 enrolled in two-year and four-year institutions of higher postsecondary 9 education in this state that: 10 (A) The General Assembly makes available from general 11 revenue to the Higher Education Grants Fund Account without consideration of 12 the availability of proceeds from the state lottery; and The Department of Finance and Administration estimates 13 (B) 14 is available for distribution to the Higher Education Grants Fund Account 15 during a fiscal year from the Educational Excellence Trust Fund; 16 (11)(13) "Nontraditional student" means a student who is not a 17 traditional student or a current achiever student; 18 (12)(14) "Personally identifiable student data" means any 19 information that, alone or in combination with other available information, is linked or linkable to a specific student that would allow a reasonable 20 21 person in the student's school community to identify the student with 22 reasonable certainty; 23 (13)(15) "Postsecondary grade point average" means the 24 cumulative numbered grade average for college credit courses as calculated 25 using a 4.0 scale; 26 (14)(16) "Qualified certificate program" means a program that is: 27 (A) Offered That is offered by an approved institution of 28 higher education; and 29 (B) Shorter in duration than an associate degree for For 30 which credit hours are awarded that are creditable toward an associate degree 31 or baccalaureate degree; and 32 (15)(17) "Recipient" means an applicant awarded a scholarship 33 funded through the program; 34 (16) (18) "State-supported student financial assistance" means a state-supported scholarship, grant, tuition waiver, or tuition reimbursement 35 36 funded with state funds or net proceeds from the state lottery awarded by:

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1 (A) The Department of Higher Education; or (B) A scholarship or grant awarded by an institution of 2 3 higher education in this state in whole or in part by state funds, including 4 without limitation: 5 (i) Scholarships awarded on the basis of entrance 6 exam scores or high school academic achievement; 7 (ii) Tuition waivers based on age, military service, 8 occupation, or other factors; 9 (iii) Out-of-state tuition waivers for undergraduate 10 students from contiguous states in close proximity to a college or 11 university; 12 (iv) Scholarships for transfers from two-year 13 institutions: 14 (v) Performance scholarships for band, musical 15 performing groups, arts, theater, forensics, and similar activities that are 16 not awarded on the basis of entrance exam scores or high school academic 17 achievement; and 18 (vi) Any other publicly funded program under which 19 students are not charged or are reimbursed by the institution of higher education for tuition, fees, books, or other costs of attendance; and 20 21 (19)(A) "Supplant" means that the net proceeds from the state 22 lottery are used in place of, not in addition to, state nonlottery 23 educational resources provided for state-supported student financial 24 assistance for a specified fiscal year. 25 (B) Supplanting does not occur if the General Assembly provided 26 the state nonlottery educational resources as if the lotteries under § 23-27 115-101 et seq. do not exist; and 28 (17)(20)(A) "Traditional student" means a student who, beginning 29 with the 2010-2011 academic year, will enter postsecondary education as a 30 full-time first-time freshman within twelve (12) months after graduating from 31 high school and remains continuously enrolled as a full-time student. 32 (B) "Traditional student" does not include a current 33 achiever student. 34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-85-205(a)(2), concerning the duties of 35 36 the Department of Higher Education, is amended to read as follows:

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1 (2) At least ten (10) business days before the date the 2 Department of Higher Education files with the Bureau of Legislative Research under § 25-15-204 The Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight 3 4 Committee shall perform the function of the Legislative Council required by 5 law for the review of a proposed rule or proposed change to a rule 6 promulgated by the Department of Higher Education under this subchapter, the 7 Department of Higher Education shall file a copy of the proposed rule or 8 proposed change to a rule with the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative 9 Oversight Committee. 10 11 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-85-205(d), concerning the duties of the 12 Department of Higher Education, is amended to read as follows: 13 The Department of Education and the Department of Higher (d)(1) 14 Education are directed to develop appropriate informational materials on the 15 Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program and to ensure distribution of 16 the materials to Arkansas students in grade seven through grade twelve (7-12) 17 each year as a part of the packet of materials on precollegiate preparation distributed by the Department of Education as required by § 6-61-217 Arkansas 18 Higher Education Coordinating Board under § 6-61-217 and by the Department of 19 20 Education under the Higher Education Awareness Act of 1993, § 6-5-401 et seq. 21 (2) The distribution of informational materials under this 22 section shall be accomplished through the collaboration of school counselors 23 and other appropriate public school or Department of Higher Education 24 personnel. 25 (3) The Department of Higher Education shall provide a copy of 26 the informational materials developed under this section to the Arkansas 27 Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee for its review. 28 29 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-85-205(g), concerning the duties of the 30 Department of Higher Education, is amended to read as follows: 31 (g)(1)(A) The By July 15 of each year, the Director of the Department 32 of Higher Education shall provide a report to the General Assembly annually 33 regarding Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee on: 34 (i) the The implementation of this subchapter; 35 (ii) The number of recipients that either: (a) Dropped out during the academic year; or 36

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1	(b) Lost the scholarship during the academic
2	year; and
3	(iii) Any additional information requested by the
4	committee.
5	(B) The committee shall include the information reported
6	under this subsection (g) in its annual report to the General Assembly under
7	<u>§ 6-85-220</u> .
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9	SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-85-206(1), concerning basic eligibility
10	requirements for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program - Part
11	2, is amended to read as follows:
12	(1)(A) The applicant has been an Arkansas resident for at least
13	the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date the applicant will
14	enroll in an approved institution of higher education , and .
15	<u>(B)</u> if <u>If</u> the applicant is less than eighteen (18) <u>twenty-</u>
16	one (21) years of age, either the applicant or a parent or guardian of the
17	applicant or a combination of the applicant and a parent or guardian of the
18	applicant has <u>shall have</u> maintained Arkansas residency for the same period of
19	time at least the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date the
20	applicant will enroll in an approved institution of higher education.
21	(B)(C)(i) To be considered an Arkansas resident, an
22	applicant shall demonstrate residency by evidence deemed sufficient to the
23	Department of Higher Education ,
24	(ii) Evidence of residency may include including
25	without limitation information provided by the applicant on the Free
26	Application for Federal Student Aid or a subsequent application required by
27	the United States Department of Education for federal financial aid;
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29	SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 6-85-207(2), concerning eligibility
30	requirements of traditional students for the Arkansas Academic Challenge
31	Scholarship Program - Part 2, is amended to read as follows:
32	(2) Graduated Effective January 1, 2011, graduated from an
33	Arkansas public high school that in the year of the applicant's graduation is
34	annually identified in the report by the Department of Education under § 6-
35	15-421 as a school in which twenty percent (20%) or more of the students
36	received a letter grade of "B" or higher but did not score proficiency or

higher on the state-mandated end-of-course assessment for the related course on the first attempt, achieved a high school grade point average of at least (A) Completed the Smart Core curriculum if graduating from an Arkansas high school in the 2013-2014 school year or later; and (i) Has a minimum composite score of nineteen (19) on the ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent; or (ii) Scores proficient or higher on all statemandated end-of-course assessments, including without limitation end-of-

- (a) Algebra I; 12 13 (b) Geometry; 14 (c) Biology; and
- 15 Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, (d)

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- SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 6-85-208 is amended to read as follows: 18 19 6-85-208. Additional eligibility requirements for a nontraditional 20 student.
- 21 (a) An applicant is eligible as a nontraditional student if, in 22 addition to the requirements of § 6-85-206, the applicant:
- 23 (1) Graduated from an Arkansas public high school and achieved a 24 2.5 high school grade point average; or
- 25 (2) Graduated from an Arkansas public high school, a private 26 high school, an out-of-state high school, a home school high school, or 27 obtained a General Educational Development certificate and either:

28 (A) Had a minimum composite score of nineteen (19) on the 29 ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent; or

- 30 (3)(B)(i) Has completed at least twelve (12) semester 31 hours of courses granting three (3) or more hours of credit per course at an 32 approved institution of higher education and earned a postsecondary grade 33 point average of at least 2.5.
- 34 (ii) A course granting less than three (3) hours of 35 credit may be counted toward the twelve (12) semester hours under this 36 subdivision (a)(3) if it is related to a credit course required for a degree.

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1	(b) To be eligible, a nontraditional student applicant who graduated
2	from a private high school, an out-of-state high school, or a home school
3	high school shall have achieved a minimum composite score of nineteen (19) on
4	the ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent.
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6	SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 6-85-209, is amended to read as follows:
7	6-85-209. Additional eligibility requirements for a student near
8	completion current achiever student.
9	(a) In addition to the requirements of § 6-85-206, an applicant is
10	eligible as a student near completion if at the time of applying for the
11	scholarship current achiever student if the applicant:
12	(1) Is enrolled in a two-year or four-year approved institution
13	of higher education; Entered postsecondary education before the 2010-2011
14	academic year:
15	(A) As a full-time first-time freshman student; and
16	(B) Within twelve (12) months after graduating high
17	school; and
18	(2) Is within twenty-five percent (25%) of the requirements for
19	completion of an associate degree or baccalaureate degree <u>At the time of</u>
20	applying for the scholarship:
21	(A) Has been continuously enrolled at an institution of
22	higher education as a full-time student;
23	(B)(i) Has completed at least twelve (12) semester hours of
24	courses granting three (3) or more hours of credit per course at an approved
25	institution of higher education.
26	(ii) A course granting less than three (3)
27	hours of credit may be counted toward the twelve (12) semester hours under
28	this subdivision (a)(2) if it is related to a credit course required for a
29	degree; and
30	(3)(C) Has achieved a postsecondary grade point average of
31	at least 2.5.
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33	SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 6-85-210(b)(2)(C), concerning continuing
34	eligibility for the Arkansas Academic Scholarship Program - Part 2, is
35	repealed:
36	(C)(i) A traditional student recipient is continuously enrolled

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1 in an approved institution of higher education if he or she completes twenty-2 seven (27) semester hours in the first year as a recipient and completes thirty (30) semester hours each academic year thereafter. 3 4 (ii) A nontraditional student recipient is 5 continuously enrolled if he or she maintains at an approved institution of 6 higher education in consecutive semesters, not including any summer term: 7 (a) Full-time enrollment if the student 8 receives a scholarship under this subchapter for a full-time student; or 9 (b) Part-time enrollment if the student is 10 receiving a scholarship under this subchapter for a part-time student; 11 12 13 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 6-85-210(c)(1), concerning continuing 14 eligibility for the Arkansas Academic Scholarship Program - Part 2, is 15 amended to read as follows: 16 (c)(1) If a recipient becomes ineligible for the scholarship because 17 the recipient's postsecondary grade point average or number of completed credit hours no longer meets the minimum requirement for the scholarship, the 18 19 recipient may regain eligibility under this subsection (c) one (l) time only 20 in an academic year. 21 22 SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212 (c), concerning scholarship award 23 amounts, is amended to read as follows: 24 (c) It is the General Assembly's intent that before increasing award amounts for scholarships under this subchapter, the number of scholarships 25 26 awarded to nontraditional students under § 6-85-208 and to students near 27 completion under § 6-85-209 be increased. 28 29 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212 (e)(1) and (2), concerning 30 scholarship award amounts, is amended to read as follows: 31 (e)(1)(A) For the 2010-2011 academic year, the General Assembly shall 32 determine the scholarship award amount by February 28, 2010, based on the 33 amount of net proceeds from the state lottery reasonably projected to be 34 available for scholarships in the 2010-2011 academic year The scholarship 35 award amount under this subchapter for an academic year for a full-time recipient enrolled in a four-year approved institution of higher education is 36

1 five thousand dollars (\$5,000). 2 (B)(i) The Department of Higher Education shall award an 3 aggregate amount of scholarship awards to current achiever students beginning 4 with the 2010-2011 academic year of up to forty-one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$41,500,000). 5 6 (ii) The department shall not accept new 7 applications for scholarship under this subdivision (e)(1)(B) after June 1, 8 2012. 9 (C) After deducting the amount committed for current 10 achiever student scholarships from the amount available under subdivision 11 (e)(1)(B) of this section, the department shall use the balance to fund scholarships to nontraditional students under this subchapter. 12 13 (2)(A) The Department of Higher Education department shall award 14 an aggregate amount of scholarship awards to nontraditional students 15 beginning with the 2010-2011 academic year up to of at least eight million 16 dollars (\$8,000,000). 17 (B)(i) The department shall return to the Arkansas Lottery 18 Commission the excess funding, if any, for scholarship awards the department received under § 23-115-801. 19 20 (ii) The commission shall deposit any funds 21 received from the department under this subdivision (e)(2)(B) into a trust 22 account established under § 23-115-801(b). 23 (C) Priority for scholarships awarded to nontraditional 24 students and current achiever students is based on the applicant's level of 25 progress toward completion of a certificate, an associate degree, nursing 26 diploma, or a baccalaureate degree, or on other criteria established by the 27 department. 2.8 29 SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(f)-(j)(1), concerning scholarship 30 award amounts, is amended to read as follows: 31 (f)(1) By November 1 of each year, the Arkansas Lottery Commission 32 Legislative Oversight Committee shall provide to the General Assembly its 33 recommendations for any changes to the: 34 (A)(1) Award amounts; 35 (B)(2) Number or type of scholarships; and 36 (C)(3) Eligibility requirements.

1	(2)	The committee may	y base its recommen	dations for scholarship
2	award amounts of	n the following gu:	idelines and any ad	ditional information the
3	committee finds	relevant to making	g the recommendatic	ons:
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5	Annual 2-yr	Annual 4-yr	If net lottery	
6	Institution	institution	proceeds are	
7	award amount	award amount	greater than	Or equal to
8	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$ 49,308,626	\$ 60,405,551
9	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$ 60,405,551	\$ 71,502,476
10	\$1,750	\$3,500	\$ 71,502,476	\$ 82,599,401
11	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$ 82,599,401	\$ 93,696,326
12	\$2,250	\$4,500	\$93,696,326	\$104,793,251
13	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$104,793,251	\$115,890,177
14	\$2,750	\$5,500	\$115,890,177	\$126,987,102
15	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$126,987,102	
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17 (g) After the 2010-2011 academic year, the determination of the amount 18 of net proceeds from the state lottery available for each semester is based 19 on the commission's certification of net proceeds.

20 (h)(g) The department shall ensure that It is the intent of the
21 General Assembly that in determining award amounts under this subchapter the
22 General Assembly will consider whether sufficient funds remain will be
23 available to pay for scholarship awards through the anticipated completion of
24 the degree or certificate a recipient is seeking and report the balance of
25 those funds to the General Assembly before the amount of awards under this
26 subchapter are increased by the General Assembly.

27 (i)(h) All awards under this subchapter are subject to the prohibition 28 under § 6-80-105 against using public funds in a student financial package in 29 excess of the recognized cost of attendance at the institution where the 30 student is enrolled.

31 (j)(1)(1) If the department has less than a sufficient amount from 32 net proceeds from the state lottery to provide for the scholarship 33 commitments under this subchapter, the department first shall use the 34 department's funds from any Scholarships and Grants Contingency Appropriation 35 made to the department to fund the shortfall before requesting funds from the 36 Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account under § 23-115-802.

1 2 SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 6-85-215(a), concerning the release of student information, is amended to read as follows: 3 4 (a)(1)(A) A student receiving any state-supported student financial 5 assistance for which an institution of higher education is required to 6 provide information under this section shall complete and sign a consent form 7 authorizing the release of or refusing to authorize: 8 (i) the The institution of higher education to 9 release the student's individual personal information to the Bureau of 10 Legislative Research and authorizing:; 11 (ii) The institution of higher education to 12 provide the bureau with academic progress information for the scholarship 13 recipient; and 14 (iii) The department Department of Higher 15 Education to release the student's individual personal information to the 16 bureau. 17 (B) If a student is less than eighteen (18) years of age, 18 the student's parent or guardian shall complete and sign the consent form. 19 (2)(A) The student may opt out of the release of information. A 20 decision to opt out applies only to refuse to authorize the release of 21 information under this section and does not apply to nonindividually 22 identifiable information released under any other section of this subchapter 23 or under any other law. 24 (B) In order to provide better statistical data, each 25 institution shall report the number of students who opt out refuse to 26 authorize the release of information. 27 (3)(A) Before any state funds for state-supported student 28 financial assistance are released on behalf of a student, the form signed by the student or the student's parent or guardian indicating either the 29 30 student's authorization to release or the refusal to authorize the release of information under this section shall be obtained by: 31 32 (i) The department if the department awards the 33 state-supported student financial assistance; or 34 (ii) The institution of higher education if the 35 state-supported student financial assistance is awarded solely by the 36 institution.

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1 (B) The consent form shall state that: 2 (A)(i) The purpose for the bureau's collecting data is to guide the General Assembly's evaluation of the need for adjustments to 3 4 scholarship program eligibility and funding levels; and 5 (B) Personally identifiable student data will not be 6 released by the bureau or the department; and 7 (C)(ii) The student may opt out of the release of 8 information, and that opting out A refusal to authorize the release of 9 information under this section will not affect the student's eligibility for 10 a scholarship. 11 (C) A high school student enrolled in a course for 12 concurrent credit is exempt under this section. 13 (4) The form shall list the categories of information authorized 14 for release under this section. 15 The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research may: (5) 16 (A) Seek an opinion from the Family Policy Compliance 17 Office of the United States Department of Education concerning the student consent requirement and opt out to authorize or refuse to authorize the 18 19 release of information under this section; or 20 (B) Request the Department of Higher Education to seek the 21 opinion on behalf of the bureau. 22 23 SECTION 15. Arkansas Code § 6-85-217(b)(3)(A), concerning the 24 confidentiality of student data to be provided to the Bureau of Legislative 25 Research, is amended to read as follows: 26 (3)(A) The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research may 27 seek an opinion from Family Policy Compliance Office of the United States 28 Department of Education concerning the department's Department of Higher 29 Education's system, any proposed modification of the system, or any request 30 for information made by the bureau under this section. 31 SECTION 16. Arkansas Code § 6-85-217(f), concerning the use of student 32 33 data, is amended to read as follows: 34 (f) The bureau's staff shall inform the Department of Higher Education 35 of any data used in the preparation of reports and provide the department 36 Department of Higher Education at least two (2) working days to review any

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student-related data used in preparation of reports before publicly releasing 1 2 that student-related data without personally identifiable student data. 3 4 SECTION 17. Arkansas Code § 6-85-218 is repealed. 5 6-85-218. Advisory council. 6 (a) An advisory council is created to provide recommendations to the 7 Department of Higher Education and the Arkansas Lottery Commission 8 Legislative Oversight Committee for the implementation of this subchapter. 9 (b) The advisory council shall be composed of sixteen (16) members as 10 follows: 11 (1) The Director of the Department of Higher Education, or his 12 or her designee; (2) The Commissioner of Education, or his or her designee; 13 14 (3) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Association of 15 Educational Administrators, or his or her designee; 16 (4) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Education 17 Association, or his or her designee; 18 (5) The Executive Director of the Arkansas School Boards 19 Association, or his or her designee; 20 (6) The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research, or his 21 or her designee, who shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting member; and 22 (7)(A) Ten (10) members who shall serve three-year terms, 23 selected as follows: 24 (i) One (1) member of the House of Representatives 25 selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; 26 (ii) One (1) member of the Senate selected by the 27 President Pro Tempore of the Senate; (iii) Two (2) members selected by the Director of 28 29 the Department of Higher Education who are employed at the department; 30 (iv) Two (2) members selected by the Director of the Department of Higher Education who are presidents or chancellors of two-year 31 32 approved institutions of higher education, or the designee of the president 33 selected; 34 (v) Two (2) members selected by the Director of the Department of Higher Education who are presidents or chancellors of four-year 35 36 approved institutions of higher education or the designee of the president or

1	chancellor_selected;
2	(vi) One (1) member selected by the Director of the
3	Department of Higher Education who is a financial aid administrator at an
4	approved institution of higher education, or his or her designee; and
5	(vii) One (1) member selected by the Director of the
6	Department of Higher Education who is a student services administrator at an
7	approved institution of higher education, or his or her designee.
8	(B) Members appointed under this subdivision (b)(7):
9	(i) Shall have initial terms that are staggered
10	evenly between two (2) and three (3) years as determined by lot at the
11	advisory council's first meeting; and
12	(ii) May be reappointed to successive terms.
13	(C) A vacancy under this subdivision (b)(7) shall be
14	filled by appointment by the appointing authority effective until the
15	expiration of the regular term.
16	(c) The advisory council shall be staffed by the department.
17	(d) The legislator members of the advisory council shall serve as
18	cochairs of the advisory council and shall call meetings as needed to fulfill
19	the purpose of the advisory council.
20	(e)(l) Legislative members are entitled to reimbursement for expenses
21	and per diem at the same rate and from the same source as provided by law for
22	members of the General Assembly attending meetings of interim committees.
23	(2) Nonlegislative members of the advisory council shall serve
24	without compensation but may be reimbursed by the department for reasonable
25	travel expenses incurred to attend meetings if funding is available.
26	(f) By August 1, 2009, and as requested thereafter, the advisory
27	council shall report its recommendations to the Arkansas Lottery Commission
28	Legislative Oversight Committee.
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30	SECTION 18. Arkansas Code § 6-80-105 is amended to read as follows:
31	6-80-105. Student financial aid — Antistacking <u>Scholarship stacking</u> .
32	(a) As used in this section:
33	(1) "Federal aid" means scholarships or grants awarded to a
34	student as a result of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid,
35	excluding the Pell grant;
36	(2) "Other aid" means scholarships, grants, tuition waivers, or

1 housing waivers awarded to a student from postsecondary institutions or 2 private sources; and 3 (3) "State aid" means scholarships or grants awarded to a 4 student from public funds, including without limitation the Arkansas Academic 5 Challenge Scholarship under § 6-85-201 et seq., the Department of Higher 6 Education scholarship and grant programs, state general revenues, tuition, 7 and local tax revenue; and 8 (4) "Student aid package" means federal aid, state aid, and 9 other aid a student receives for postsecondary education expenses. 10 (a)(b)(1) No A postsecondary institution shall use public funds not 11 award state aid in a student aid package which exceeds in excess of the 12 recognized cost of attendance at the institution where the student enrolls. 13 (2) Public funds are defined to include Department of Higher Education scholarships and grants, state general revenues, tuition, or local 14 15 tax revenue For the purpose of stacking scholarships in a student's student 16 aid package, the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship under § 6-85-201 et 17 seq. shall be reduced or returned first. 18 (b)(c) All A postsecondary institutions institution shall report to 19 the department Department of Higher Education the total amount of financial 20 federal aid, state aid, and other aid from all sources for any a student who 21 receives if the student receives an award from a department scholarship or 22 grant program, including the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship under § 23 6-85-201, et. seq. 24 (c)(1)(d)(1) When a student receives a total student aid package that 25 includes public funds state aid and the student aid package exceeds the cost 26 of attendance, the postsecondary institution shall repay public funds state 27 aid in the amount exceeding the total cost of attendance, starting with state 28 aid received under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship under § 6-85-29 201 et seq. 30 (2) Such The department shall credit the excess state aid funds 31 repaid shall be credited to the Higher Education Grants Fund Account 32 appropriate department fund or trust account. 33 34 SECTION 19. Section 7 of Acts 605 and 606 of 2009, as amended by Act 35 1405 of 2009, is repealed: 36 (a) The Director of the Department of Higher Education shall determine

1	the amount of excess net proceeds from the state lottery by calculating the
2	difference between:
3	(1) The amount committed to scholarships awarded under the
4	Academic Challenge Scholarship Program — Part 1 and the scholarships for
5	traditional students and nontraditional students under the Academic Challenge
6	Scholarship Program — Part 2; and
7	(2) The amount of net proceeds from the state lottery reasonably
8	projected for the 2010-2011 academic year as determined by the director
9	after consultation with the Arkansas Lottery Commission, the Legislative
10	Oversight Committee, the House Committee on Education, and the Senate
11	Committee on Education.
12	(b) The amount of excess net proceeds from the state lottery shall
13	only be available for one (1) or more of the following:
14	(1) Awarding scholarships to students near completion;
15	(2) Increasing state-supported student financial assistance
16	under the Higher Education Opportunities Grant Program, § 6-82-1701 et seq.
17	and the Arkansas Workforce Improvement Grant Program, § 6-82-1601 et seq., or
18	other state-supported student financial assistance programs for
19	nontraditional students; or
19 20	nontraditional students; or (3) Establishing a reserve fund.
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20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<pre>(3) Establishing a recerve fund. (c) By July 15, 2010, the Director of the Department of Higher Education shall prepare a report on the projected distribution of excess net proceeds from the state lottery based on:</pre>
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1 and the Senate Committee on Education for review. 2 (e)(1) The department shall maintain a list of nontraditional students 3 and students near completion and shall award scholarships under this 4 subchapter first in order of those nearest completion. 5 (2) The amount of the award per student per year shall be 6 determined by dividing the number of hours until completion by thirty (30) 7 and multiplying by the amount the legislature sets for the award for 8 baccalaureate students. 9 (3) The amount of the award for associate degree students shall 10 be determined by dividing the number of hours until completion by fifteen 11 (15) and multiplying by the amount the legislature sets for two-year 12 students. 13 SECTION 20. Arkansas Code § 23-115-103(7), concerning the definition 14 15 of "immediate family" as used in the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act, is 16 amended to read as follows: 17 (7) "Immediate family" means the father, mother, sister, 18 brother, husband, wife, child, grandmother, grandfather, grandchild, father-19 in-law, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, daughter-in-law, sonin-law, stepchild, grandmother-in-law, grandfather-in-law, stepgrandchild, or 20 21 any individual acting as parent or guardian; 22 23 SECTION 21. Arkansas Code § 23-115-103(12)(B), concerning the 24 definition of "lottery" as used in the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act, is 25 amended to read as follows: 26 (B) "Lottery" includes without limitation: 27 (i) An instant ticket; 28 (ii) A draw game; and 29 (iii) Participation in a multistate or 30 multisovereign game; and 31 (iv) A raffle. 32 33 SECTION 22. Arkansas Code § 23-115-103(13), concerning the definition 34 of "lottery proceeds", is amended to read as follows: 35 (13) "Lottery proceeds" means all revenue derived from the sale 36 of tickets or shares and all other moneys derived from or in connection with

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1 the operation of a lottery, including without limitation fees, offsets, 2 reimbursements, insurance proceeds, damages, and liquidated damages collected or imposed by the Arkansas Lottery Commission under this chapter; 3 4 5 SECTION 23. Arkansas Code § 23-115-103(19)(J) - (K), concerning the 6 definition of operating expenses of the Arkansas Lottery Commission, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows: 7 8 Amounts annually transferred to a fidelity fund under § 23-(J) 115-603; and 9 (K) 10 Amounts paid to governmental entities for goods or services 11 provided to the Arkansas Lottery Commission, including without limitation 12 services provided by the Division of Legislative Audit, the Department of 13 Human Services, and the Department of Finance and Administration; and 14 (L) Withholding and payment of income taxes from lottery prizes. 15 16 SECTION 24. Arkansas Code § 23-115-205(25)(C) and (26), concerning the 17 powers of the Arkansas Lottery Commission, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows: 18 19 (C) An independent testing laboratory shall not be owned 20 or controlled by a vendor or a retailer; and 21 To withhold state and federal income taxes as required by (26) 22 law; and 23 (27) To adopt and amend rules necessary to carry out and 24 implement its powers and duties, organize and operate the commission, 25 regulate the conduct of lotteries in general, and any other matters necessary 26 or desirable for the efficient and effective operation of lotteries for the 27 convenience of the public. 28 29 SECTION 25. Arkansas Code § 23-115-211 is amended to read as follows: 30 23-115-211. Certain sections inapplicable. 31 The In addition to any provision of law expressly exempting the Arkansas Lottery Commission, the following sections shall not apply to the 32 33 Arkansas Lottery Commission commission: 34 (1) Section 19-1-211; 35 (2) Section 19-1-301 et seq.;

36 (3) Section 19-1-609;

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1 (4) Section 19-4-1802; 2 (5) Section 19-5-206; 3 (6) Section 19-11-301 et seq; (7) Section 22-9-103; 4 5 (8) Section 22-9-104; 6 (9) Section 25-1-104; and 7 (10) Section 25-26-201 et seq.; and 8 (11)(10) Section 25-27-104. 9 SECTION 26. Arkansas Code § 23-115-302(b)(8) and (9), concerning the 10 11 duties of the Director of the Arkansas Lottery Commission, is amended to read 12 as follows: (8) Report monthly to the commission and the Arkansas Lottery 13 14 Commission Legislative Oversight Committee a complete statement of lottery 15 revenues and expenses for the preceding month and an accompanying statement 16 of net assets; and 17 (9) By August 15, 2011, and annually thereafter, report to the 18 committee the following: 19 (A) For the immediately preceding fiscal year: (i) The total amount of net proceeds from the state 20 21 lottery; and 22 (ii) The amounts deposited into and disbursed from 23 the Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account under § 23-115-802; and 24 (B) The commission's projection for net proceeds from the 25 state lottery for the current fiscal year; and 26 (10) Perform other duties generally associated with a director 27 of a commission of an entrepreneurial nature. 28 29 SECTION 27. Arkansas Code § 23-115-306(b), concerning special salary 30 allowances for employees of the Arkansas Lottery Commission, is amended to 31 read as follows: 32 The total compensation for For a position subject to an a special (b) 33 allowance under subsection (a) of this section, including the sum of the 34 salary authorized by the General Assembly and a the special salary allowance, 35 shall not exceed an amount equal to two and one-half $(2\frac{1}{2})$ times the salary 36 for the position authorized by the General Assembly.

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2	SECTION 28. Arkansas Code § 23-115-403(g), concerning unclaimed
3	lottery prizes, is amended to read as follows:
4	(g) (l) Unclaimed <u>lottery</u> prize money is not shall be added to net
5	lottery proceeds.
6	(2)(A) An annual amount of at least two hundred thousand dollars
7	(\$200,000) shall be directed to the Department of Health for the treatment of
8	compulsive gambling disorder and educational programs related to compulsive
9	gambling disorder.
10	(B) As part of its regulation of public health, the State
11	Board of Health may promulgate rules to implement subdivision (g)(2)(A) of
12	this section, including without limitation the creation of:
13	(i) Programs for the treatment of compulsive
14	gambling disorder; and
15	(ii) Educational programs related to compulsive
16	gambling disorder.
17	(3) Unclaimed lottery prize money remaining after the payment
18	under subdivision (g)(2) of this section shall be:
19	(A) Added to the pool from which future lottery prizes are
20	to be awarded; or
21	(B) Used for special lottery prize promotions.
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23	SECTION 29. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 115, Subchapter 4, is
24	amended to add an additional section to read as follows:
25	23-115-410. Compulsive gambling disorder treatment and educational
26	programs.
27	(a) The Arkansas Lottery Commission shall provide an annual amount of
28	at least two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for:
29	(1) Compulsive gambling disorder treatment programs; and
30	(2) Compulsive gambling disorder educational programs.
31	(b)(1) The commission shall work together with the Department of Human
32	Services to implement the compulsive gambling disorder treatment programs and
33	the compulsive gambling disorder educational programs under this section.
34	(2) The commission may contract with the department for
35	providing all services related to and administration of the compulsive
36	gambling disorder treatment programs and the compulsive gambling disorder

1 educational programs. 2 (3) The department may promulgate rules to administer the compulsive gambling disorder treatment programs and the compulsive gambling 3 4 disorder educational programs. 5 6 SECTION 30. Arkansas Code § 23-115-601(f)(5)(B)(v), concerning the 7 qualifications of lottery retailers, is amended to read as follows: 8 (v) Is a member of the commission, or a member of 9 the immediate family of a member of the commission; 10 11 SECTION 31. Arkansas Code § 23-115-701(e), concerning major 12 procurement contracts of the Arkansas Lottery Commission, is amended to read 13 as follows: 14 (e)(1) Each proposed major procurement contract and each 15 amendment or modification to a proposed or executed major procurement 16 contract shall be filed with the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative 17 Oversight Committee for review at least thirty (30) days before the execution date of the major procurement contract or the amendment or modification to a 18 19 proposed or executed major procurement contract. 20 (2) The Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight 21 Committee shall provide the commission with its review as to the propriety of 22 the major procurement contract and each amendment or modification to a 23 proposed or executed major procurement contract within thirty (30) days after 24 receipt of the proposed major procurement contract or the amendment or 25 modification to a proposed or executed major procurement contract. 26 27 SECTION 32. Arkansas Code § 23-115-801(c)(1), concerning the use of 28 net proceeds from the state lottery, is amended to read as follows: 29 (c)(1) The Director of the Department of Higher Education shall 30 certify to the commission the amount of net proceeds from the lottery needed 31 to: 32 (A) Fund fund the scholarships awarded to recipients under 33 § 6-85-201 et seq. for each semester of an academic year; and 34 (B) Ensure that sufficient funds remain available to pay 35 for scholarship awards for the recipients through the anticipated completion 36 of the degree or certificate a recipient is seeking.

1 2 SECTION 33. Arkansas Code § 23-115-802(b)(3), concerning the Shortfall 3 Reserve Trust Account of the Arkansas Lottery Commission, is amended to read 4 as follows: 5 (3) Any amount in the trust fund account exceeding twenty million 6 dollars (\$20,000,000) shall be considered net proceeds and shall be deposited 7 annually into one (1) or more trust accounts at one (1) or more financial 8 institutions by July 1 of each year. 9 10 SECTION 34. Arkansas Code § 23-115-802(c), concerning the Shortfall 11 Reserve Trust Account of the Arkansas Lottery Commission, is amended to read 12 as follows: (c)(1) If net proceeds in any year are not sufficient to meet the 13 14 amount allocated for higher education scholarships, the account may be drawn 15 upon to meet the deficiency. 16 (2) If it becomes necessary to draw from the account in any 17 fiscal year, the Department of Higher Education shall review the scholarship 18 and grant program and shall reduce the program to accommodate available 19 lottery proceeds, exclusive of the account. 20 21 SECTION 35. Arkansas Code § 23-115-1101(f)(3), concerning the Arkansas 22 Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee, is amended to read as 23 follows: 24 (3) Six (6) members A majority of the Arkansas Lottery 25 Commission Legislative Oversight Committee constitute constitutes a quorum. 26 27 SECTION 36. Arkansas Code § 23-115-1102(c), concerning the duties of 28 the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee, is amended 29 to read as follows: 30 (c)(1) The Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee 31 shall perform all duties or functions of the Legislative Council required by 32 law concerning the contracts, rules, reports, or other information filed with 33 the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee under 34 subsection (b) of this section. 35 (2) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide staff for 36 the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee.

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2	SECTION 37. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 51 is amended to add a new		
3	subchapter to read as follows:		
4	SUBCHAPTER 23 LOTTERY WITHHOLDING ACT		
5	<u>26-51-2301. Title.</u>		
6	This subchapter may be cited as the "Lottery Withholding Act".		
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8	26-51-2302. Definitions.		
9	As used in this subchapter:		
10	(1) "Claim center" means a claim center established by the Arkansas		
11	Lottery Commission under § 23-115-207;		
12	(2) "Lottery" means the same as defined in § 23-115-103; and		
13	(3) "Lottery winnings" means the proceeds of a lottery prize based on		
14	the total amount paid from an Arkansas lottery or from a multistate or		
15	multisovereign lottery without reduction for the amount paid for the lottery		
16	ticket.		
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18	26-51-2303. Administration.		
19	(a) This subchapter shall be administered in accordance with the		
20	Arkansas Tax Procedure Act, § 26-18-101 et seq.		
21	(b) The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration shall		
22	make and prescribe such rules, regulations, and forms as he or she deems		
23	necessary to administer this subchapter.		
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25	26-51-2304. Amount deducted and withheld - Credit.		
26	(a) A claim center making a payment of lottery winnings on a single		
27	lottery ticket of more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) shall deduct and		
28	withhold an amount equal to seven percent (7%) of each payment of t he lottery		
29	winnings.		
30	(b) The amount deducted and withheld under this section from any		
31	lottery winnings paid to a person during the income year shall be credited		
32	against the income tax liability of that person under the Income Tax Act of		
33	<u>1929, § 26-51-101 et seq.</u>		
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35	26-51-2305. Withholding return, reporting, and payment $-$ Lottery.		
36	(a) A claim center shall register to withhold income tax under § 26-		

1	51-2304 from lottery winnings in the manner prescribed by the Director of the
2	Department of Finance and Administration.
3	(b) The withholding account used to report and remit the withholding
4	on wages shall not be used to report withholding on lottery winnings.
5	(c) A separate account for withholding on lottery winnings shall be
6	obtained from the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and
7	Administration.
8	(d) Each claim center shall file a monthly return and remit the income
9	tax withheld from lottery winnings on or before the fifteenth day of the
10	month following the month in which the income tax was withheld.
11	(e) A claim center shall keep the following records and information
12	for six (6) years after the date the income tax becomes due or is paid,
13	whichever is later:
14	(1) The total lottery winnings paid;
15	(2) The amount of lottery winnings income tax withheld and
16	remitted;
17	(3) The name, address, social security number or taxpayer
18	identification number, and amount of lottery winnings of each person in
19	receipt of lottery winnings; and
20	(4) The name, address, and taxpayer identification number of the
21	<u>claim center.</u>
22	(f)(1) A claim center shall provide two (2) copies of a statement to
23	each person who received lottery winnings and had an amount withheld under §
24	26-51-2304 during the income year before January 31 following the close of
25	the income year.
26	(2) Each statement shall contain the following:
27	(A) The name, address, and social security number or
28	taxpayer identification number of the person in receipt of lottery winnings;
29	(B) The total amount of the lottery winnings subject to
30	withholding that was paid by the claim center to the recipient of the lottery
31	winnings for the income tax year;
32	(C) The total amount withheld from the recipient's lottery
33	winnings by the claim center under this subchapter for the income year;
34 25	(D) The name, address, and Arkansas identification number
35	of the claim center; and
36	(E) Such other information as the director shall require

1	by rule.
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3	26-51-2306. Duties of the claim centers and payees.
4	(a)(1) The Arkansas Lottery Commission is liable for amounts required
5	to be deducted and withheld by a claim center under this subchapter
6	regardless of whether the amounts were in fact deducted or withheld.
7	(2) Any sum withheld in accordance with this subchapter is
8	deemed to be held in trust for the State of Arkansas and shall be recorded by
9	the claim center in a ledger account so as to clearly indicate the amount of
10	income tax withheld and that the amount is the property of the State of
11	Arkansas.
12	(b) Each person that is subject to this subchapter and who is to
13	receive a payment of lottery winnings or is entitled to any portion of the
14	payment of lottery winnings shall furnish the claim center making the payment
15	a statement, made under penalty of perjury, containing his or her:
16	<u>(1)</u> Name;
17	(2) Address; and
18	(3) Social security number or taxpayer identification number.
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