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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1896

5 By: Representative Branscum
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING POSTHUMOUS DEGREES AWARDED BY
9 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 *THE MICHAEL LAWDON BRANSCUM ACT*
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 61, Subchapter 1 is amended*
20 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

21 *6-61-135. Posthumous degrees.*

22 *(a) Each institution of higher education is encouraged establish a*
23 *process for awarding a posthumous degree to a student who has died while*
24 *enrolled in a degree program at the institution of higher education.*

25 *(b) A process established by an institution of higher education may*
26 *include without limitation consideration of the student's:*

27 *(1) Level of completion in his or her degree program;*

28 *(2) Academic status; and*

29 *(3) Personal factors, such as circumstances of death.*

30 *(c) The institution of higher education or the parent of a student who*
31 *died while enrolled in a degree program at a institution of higher education*
32 *may initiate the process by requesting that a posthumous degree be awarded on*
33 *the student's behalf.*
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35 /s/Branscum
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