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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1937

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION,  
9 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND THE BUREAU OF  
10 LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH TO CONDUCT A JOINT STUDY OF THE  
11 FAIRNESS OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF ARKANSAS ACADEMIC  
12 CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED BY THE ARKANSAS  
13 LOTTERY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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18 CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED BY THE  
19 ARKANSAS LOTTERY.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. (a) The Department of Higher Education,  
26 the Department of Education, and the Bureau of Legislative Research jointly  
27 shall conduct a study of the fairness of the distribution of Arkansas  
28 Academic Challenge Scholarships funded by net proceeds of the Arkansas  
29 Lottery.

30 (b) The study shall include a review of scholarship data for the 2010-  
31 2011 and 2011-2012 academic years concerning:

32 (1) The race, gender, county of residence, and financial need of  
33 scholarship applicants;

34 (2) The distribution of scholarships by race, gender, and county  
35 of residence of scholarship recipients;

36 (3) The number and amount of scholarships awarded to students at



1 each two-year college;

2 (4) The number and amount of scholarships awarded to students at  
 3 each four-year university;

4 (5) The barriers to applying for the scholarships encountered by  
 5 students; and

6 (6) The reasons that students did not qualify for the  
 7 scholarships.

8 (c) The Department of Higher Education, the Department of Education,  
 9 and the bureau shall:

10 (1) Seek participation in the study from leaders of:

11 (A) Two-year colleges;

12 (B) Four-year colleges and universities;

13 (C) High school guidance counselors; and

14 (D) Academic coaches employed by the Department of Higher  
 15 Education;

16 (2) Conduct two (2) or more public hearings for the study;

17 (3) Provide progress reports of the study to the Arkansas  
 18 Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee on September 1, 2011,  
 19 December 1, 2011, and March 1, 2012; and

20 (4) By June 1, 2012, provide a final report to the Arkansas  
 21 Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee.

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