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A Bill

SENATE BILL 681

5 By: Senator J. Dismang
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
9 TO HIRE AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT TO ADVISE THE
10 DEPARTMENT ON METHODS OF PROVIDING STUDENT DATA TO
11 THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH UNDER THE ARKANSAS
12 SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 EDUCATION TO HIRE AN INDEPENDENT
17 CONSULTANT TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT ON
18 METHODS OF PROVIDING STUDENT DATA TO THE
19 BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH UNDER THE
20 ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY ACT.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. (a)(1) If the Arkansas Lottery Commission
27 Legislative Oversight Committee determines that the Department of Higher
28 Education has failed to come to an agreement with the Bureau of Legislative
29 Research concerning the provision of the data required by the Arkansas
30 Scholarship Lottery Act, within thirty (30) days of the date the committee
31 advises the department of its determination, the department shall hire a
32 consultant with expertise in federal privacy laws, the collection of student
33 data, and methods of providing de-identified student data to state
34 legislative agencies for research.

35 (2) The Arkansas Lottery Commission Oversight Committee shall
36 approve the consultant selected by the Department of Higher Education before



1 the department executes the contract for services.

2 (3) The cost of hiring a consultant is an expense of the
3 department for administering scholarships under the Arkansas Academic
4 Challenge Scholarship Program – Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship
5 Program – Part 2, § 6-85-201 et seq., and shall be reimbursed to the
6 department by the Arkansas Lottery Commission.

7 (b) The contract for the consultant’s services shall require that the
8 consultant shall:

9 (1) Provide advice and technical assistance concerning the
10 provision of student data under §§ 6-85-216 and 6-85-217 to the Bureau of
11 Legislative Research;

12 (2) Provide a written report to the department and to the
13 Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee; and

14 (3) Be available to testify one (1) or more times before the
15 Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee.

16 (c) By December 31, 2011, the department shall report to the committee
17 on the methods the department and institutions of higher education will use
18 to deliver the student data to the bureau under §§ 6-85-216 and 6-85-217.

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20 /s/J. Dismang
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