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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1295

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8 By: Senator J. Key
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC
11 CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, PART 2, CONCERNING
12 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FROM NET PROCEEDS OF THE LOTTERY;
13 TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(e)(1)(A), concerning scholarship
28 award amounts, is amended to read as follows:

29 (e)(1)(A) Beginning with the ~~2011-2012~~ 2013-2014 academic year, the
30 scholarship award amount under this subchapter for an academic year for a
31 full-time recipient ~~enrolled in a four-year approved institution of higher~~
32 ~~education is four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) is:~~

33 (i) Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for a recipient
34 who has successfully completed fewer than twenty-seven (27) semester hours;

35 (ii) Three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for a recipient
36 who has successfully completed twenty-seven (27) semester hours but less than



1 fifty-eight semester hours;

2 (iii) Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for a recipient
 3 who has successfully completed fifty-eight (58) semester hours but less than
 4 eighty-eight (88) semester hours; and

5 (iv) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for a recipient
 6 who has successfully completed eighty-eight (88) or more semester hours.

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 8 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(e)(3), concerning scholarship
 9 award amounts to students attending two-year institutions of higher
 10 education, is repealed.

11 ~~(3) The scholarship award for a full-time student enrolled in~~
 12 ~~one (1) of the following institutions of higher education is one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of~~
 13 ~~the scholarship award amount for a full-time undergraduate student enrolled~~
 14 ~~in a four-year approved institution of higher education:~~

15 ~~(A) A two-year approved institution of higher education;~~

16 ~~(B) A branch campus of a four-year approved institution of~~
 17 ~~higher education; or~~

18 ~~(C) An approved nursing school.~~

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 20 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 21 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that increasing the number of
 22 Arkansans obtaining postsecondary credentials is critical to the economic
 23 health of the state and its citizens; that the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery
 24 provides the opportunity for tens of thousands of Arkansans to obtain
 25 postsecondary education; that the deadline for scholarship applications is
 26 June 1; that the financial integrity of the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery is
 27 critical to the continued existence of the scholarships; and that this act is
 28 immediately necessary because the Department of Higher Education must
 29 promulgate rules to implement this act well before June 1, 2013, in order to
 30 provide eligible Arkansans the opportunity to apply for the scholarship.
 31 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately
 32 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
 33 become effective on:

34 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

35 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
 36 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the

1 bill; or

2 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
3 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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