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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2271

5 By: Representative Harris
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ARKANSAS STATE-SUPPORTED COLLEGES
9 AND UNIVERSITIES FROM DENYING RECOGNITION,
10 PRIVILEGES, OR BENEFITS TO A STUDENT ORGANIZATION OR
11 GROUP ON THE BASIS OF RELIGIOUS CONTENT OF THE
12 ORGANIZATION'S OR GROUP'S SPEECH OR THE MANNER IN
13 WHICH THE ORGANIZATION OR GROUP DETERMINES ITS
14 ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 PROHIBIT ARKANSAS STATE-SUPPORTED
19 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES FROM DENYING
20 RECOGNITION, PRIVILEGES, OR BENEFITS TO A
21 STUDENT ORGANIZATION OR GROUP ON THE
22 BASIS OF RELIGION.
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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 Title 6, Chapter 60, Subchapter 1, is amended*
28 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*
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30 *6-60-104. Student organizations or groups with a religious*
31 *affiliation.*

32 *(a) A state-supported institution of higher education shall not:*

33 *(1) Discriminate against or deny recognition of a student group*
34 *or organization based on the religious affiliation of the student group or*
35 *organization's speech or activities, including without limitation worship; or*

36 *(2) Deny a privilege or benefit to a student group or*



1 organization on the basis of the exercise of rights under subsection (b) of
2 this section.

3 (b) A student group or organization with a religious affiliation may
4 limit student membership in the student group or organization to student
5 members that support the mission and activities of the student group or
6 organization, including without limitation the student group or
7 organization's mission and activities concerning:

- 8 (1) Internal affairs;
- 9 (2) Leadership;
- 10 (3) Membership;
- 11 (4) Doctrines; and
- 12 (5) Dispute resolutions.

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