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A Bill

SENATE BILL 294

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS
11 SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY ACT CONCERNING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
12 AMOUNTS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(e)(1)(A), concerning scholarship
27 award amounts, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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



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

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

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 9 education, is repealed.

10 ~~(3) The scholarship award for a full-time student enrolled in~~
 11 ~~one (1) of the following institutions of higher education is one-half (1/2) of~~
 12 ~~the scholarship award amount for a full-time undergraduate student enrolled~~
 13 ~~in a four-year approved institution of higher education;~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
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