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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1011

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO GIVE THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION THE  
9 AUTHORITY TO APPROVE A SCHOLARSHIP HOLD FOR UP TO  
10 TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS FOR MOST SCHOLARSHIP  
11 PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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16 EDUCATION THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE A  
17 SCHOLARSHIP HOLD FOR UP TO TWENTY-FOUR  
18 (24) MONTHS FOR MOST SCHOLARSHIP  
19 PROGRAMS.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-82-304, concerning administration of the  
25 Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program and the authority of the Department of  
26 Higher Education, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as  
27 follows:

28 (8) Approve a scholarship hold for a student for a period of  
29 twenty-four (24) months or less for the following reasons without limitation:

30 (A) A medical condition of the student or a member of the  
31 student's immediate family that, on the basis of a physician's good-faith  
32 judgment, necessitates the student or the student's immediate family member  
33 be hospitalized or receive outpatient or home-based medical care or  
34 recuperate until released by the attending physician;

35 (B) A personal or family emergency that requires the  
36 student to:



1 (i) Attend the funeral of an immediate family  
 2 member; or

3 (ii) Visit a relative of the student if the relative  
 4 has a medical condition in which death is possible or imminent;

5 (C) Military service under § 6-61-112; or

6 (D)(i) A commitment of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24)  
 7 months for service in a national or international humanitarian project  
 8 sponsored by a nonprofit corporation organized with a charitable or  
 9 educational purpose.

10 (ii) The student's commitment shall be expressed in  
 11 a written agreement with the nonprofit organization, including the terms of  
 12 completion for the student's service on the related project.

13 (iii) The department shall release a scholarship  
 14 hold if the department determines that the student did not complete the  
 15 commitment under the written agreement.

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 17 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 82, Subchapter 11, is  
 18 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

19 6-82-1106. Scholarship hold.

20 The Department of Education may approve a scholarship hold for a  
 21 student for a period of twenty-four (24) months or less for the following  
 22 reasons without limitation;

23 (1) A medical condition of the student or of a member of the  
 24 student's immediate family that, on the basis of a physician's good-faith  
 25 judgment, necessitates that the student or the student's immediate family  
 26 member be hospitalized or receive outpatient or home-based medical care or  
 27 recuperate until released by the attending physician;

28 (2) A personal or family emergency that requires the student to:

29 (A) Attend the funeral of an immediate family member; or

30 (B) Visit a relative of the student if the relative has a  
 31 medical condition in which death is possible or imminent;

32 (3) Military service under § 6-61-112; or

33 (4)(A) A commitment of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) months  
 34 for service in a national or international humanitarian project sponsored by  
 35 a nonprofit corporation organized with a charitable or educational purpose.

36 (B) The student's commitment shall be expressed in a

1 written agreement with the nonprofit organization, including the terms of  
2 completion for the student's service on the related project.

3 (C) The department shall release a scholarship hold if the  
4 department determines that the student did not complete the commitment under  
5 the written agreement.

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7 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-82-1604, concerning Administration of the  
8 Arkansas Workforce Improvement Grant Program and the authority of the  
9 Department of Higher Education, is amended to add an additional subdivision  
10 to read as follows:

11 (12) To approve a scholarship hold for a student for a period of  
12 twenty-four (24) months or less for the following reasons without limitation:

13 (A) A medical condition of the student or of a member of  
14 the student's immediate family that, on the basis of a physician's good-faith  
15 judgment, necessitates that the student or the student's immediate family  
16 member be hospitalized or receive outpatient or home-based medical care or  
17 recuperate until released by the attending physician;

18 (B) A personal or family emergency that requires the  
19 student to:

20 (i) Attend the funeral of an immediate family  
21 member; or

22 (ii) Visit a relative of the student if the relative  
23 has a medical condition in which death is possible or imminent;

24 (C) Military service under § 6-61-112; or

25 (D)(i) A commitment of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24)  
26 months for service in a national or international humanitarian project  
27 sponsored by a nonprofit corporation organized with a charitable or  
28 educational purpose.

29 (ii) The student's commitment shall be expressed in  
30 a written agreement with the nonprofit organization, including the terms of  
31 completion for the student's service on the related project.

32 (iii) The department shall release a scholarship  
33 hold if the department determines that the student did not complete the  
34 commitment under the written agreement.

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36 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 82, Subchapter 17, is

1 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

2 6-82-1710. Scholarship hold.

3 The Department of Education may approve a scholarship hold for a  
4 student for a period of twenty-four (24) months or less for the following  
5 reasons without limitation;

6 (1) A medical condition of the student or of a member of the  
7 student's immediate family that, on the basis of a physician's good-faith  
8 judgment, necessitates that the student or the student's immediate family  
9 member to hospitalized or receive outpatient or home-based medical care or  
10 recuperate until released by the attending physician;

11 (2) A personal or family emergency that requires the student to:

12 (A) Attend the funeral of an immediate family member; or

13 (B) Visit a relative of the student if the relative has a  
14 medical condition in which death is possible or imminent;

15 (3) Military service under § 6-61-112; or

16 (4)(A) A commitment of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) months  
17 for service in a national or international humanitarian project sponsored by  
18 a nonprofit corporation organized with a charitable or educational purpose.

19 (B) The student's commitment shall be expressed in a  
20 written agreement with the nonprofit organization, including the terms of  
21 completion for the student's service on the related project.

22 (C) The department shall release a scholarship hold if the  
23 department determines that the student did not complete the commitment under  
24 the written agreement.

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