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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1779

5 By: Representatives Tosh, *Davis*  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE WAY THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC  
9 CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM — PART 2 AWARD AMOUNTS  
10 ARE DISTRIBUTED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE WAY THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC  
15 CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM — PART 2  
16 AWARD AMOUNTS ARE DISTRIBUTED.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-85-210(a)(1), concerning continuing*  
22 *eligibility, is amended to read as follows:*

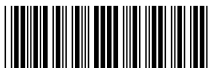
23 *(a)(1) A recipient who meets continuing eligibility criteria under this*  
24 *subchapter shall receive a scholarship for one (1) academic year renewable*  
25 *annually until the recipient first:*

26 *(A) Earns a baccalaureate degree;*

27 *(B)(i) Has ~~enrolled in eight (8) semesters at an~~*  
28 *~~institution of higher education as an undergraduate full-time student; or~~*

29 *~~(C) Has enrolled in sixteen (16) semesters at an~~*  
30 *~~institution of higher education as an undergraduate part-time student~~ earned*  
31 *one hundred twenty (120) semester credit hours.*

32 *(ii) A recipient may continue to receive a*  
33 *scholarship after he or she has earned one hundred twenty (120) semester*  
34 *credit hours, but not more than one hundred thirty (130) semester credit*  
35 *hours, if the student is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program that*  
36 *requires more than one hundred twenty (120) semester credit hours as provided*



1 under § 6-61-232.

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(e)(1)(A), concerning scholarship  
4 award amounts, is amended to read as follows:

5 (e)(1)(A) Beginning with the ~~2015-2016~~ 2016-2017 academic year, the  
6 scholarship award amount under this subchapter for an academic year for a  
7 full-time recipient enrolled in a four-year approved institution of higher  
8 education is:

9 (i) Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for a recipient ~~in~~  
10 ~~his or her freshman year~~ who has earned less than twenty-seven (27) semester  
11 credit hours;

12 (ii) Three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for a recipient  
13 ~~in his or her sophomore year~~ who has earned at least twenty-seven (27)  
14 semester credit hours but less than fifty-seven (57) semester credit hours;

15 (iii) Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for a recipient  
16 ~~in his or her junior year~~ who has earned at least fifty-seven (57) semester  
17 credit hours but less than eighty-seven (87) semester credit hours; and

18 (iv)(a) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for a  
19 recipient ~~in his or her senior year~~ who has earned at least eighty-seven (87)  
20 semester credit hours but no more than one hundred twenty (120) semester  
21 credit hours unless the recipient is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree  
22 program that requires more than one hundred twenty (120) semester credit  
23 hours, but not more than one hundred thirty (130) semester credit hours, as  
24 provided under § 6-61-232, then up to the number of credit hours required to  
25 complete the baccalaureate program.

26 (b) A recipient shall receive no more than one  
27 (1) year of a five-thousand-dollar scholarship provided under subdivision  
28 (e)(1)(A)(vi)(a) of this section unless the recipient is enrolled in a  
29 baccalaureate degree program that requires more than one hundred twenty (120)  
30 semester credit hours as provided under § 6-61-232.

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32 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(e)(1), concerning scholarship  
33 award amounts, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as  
34 follows:

35 (C)(i) To determine the correct scholarship award amount  
36 based on credit hours, a recipient shall submit a current transcript to the

Department of Higher Education no later than June 1 each year.  
(ii) A first-time recipient who does not submit a  
transcript to the department on or before June 1 shall receive the award  
amount under subdivision (e)(1)(A)(i) of this section.

/s/Tosh