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A Bill

SENATE BILL 455

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE
9 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – PART 2; TO ALLOW TRADITIONAL
10 STUDENTS TO BE PART-TIME STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

15 TO ALLOW TRADITIONAL STUDENTS TO BE PART-
16 TIME STUDENTS UNDER THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC
17 CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – PART 2.

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

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-85-204(6), concerning the definition of
23 "continuously enrolled", is amended to read as follows:

24 (6) "Continuously enrolled" means:

25 (A) For a full-time traditional student, he or she
26 successfully completes at an approved institution of higher education twenty-
27 seven (27) semester hours in the first academic year as a recipient and
28 successfully completes thirty (30) semester hours each academic year
29 thereafter, not including any summer term;

30 (B) For a full-time nontraditional student, he or she
31 successfully completes at an approved institution of higher education at
32 least fifteen (15) semester hours of courses in consecutive semesters, not
33 including a summer term;

34 (C) For a full-time current achiever student, he or she:

35 (i) Before receiving a scholarship under this
36 subchapter, successfully completed at least twelve (12) semester hours of



1 courses in consecutive semesters, not including a summer term; and

2 (ii) As a recipient of a scholarship under this
3 subchapter, successfully completes at an approved institution of higher
4 education at least fifteen (15) semester hours of courses in consecutive
5 semesters, not including a summer term;

6 (D) For a part-time traditional student or part-time
7 nontraditional student, he or she successfully completes at an approved
8 institution of higher education at least six (6) semester hours of courses in
9 consecutive semesters, not including a summer term; and

10 (E) For a student who is enrolled in a degree plan that has
11 a maximum number of semester hours in a semester that is less than the
12 requirements of subdivisions (5)(A)-(D) of this section, he or she
13 successfully completes at an approved institution of higher education the
14 maximum number of hours required by the degree plan for the semester;

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16 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-85-204(26)(A), concerning the definition
17 of "traditional student", is amended to read as follows:

18 (26)(A) "Traditional student" means a student who:

19 (i) Will enter postsecondary education as a full-time
20 or part-time first-time freshman on or before the fall semester of the
21 academic year that begins immediately following:

22 (a) The student's graduation from high school;

23 or

24 (b) The last day of the school year:

25 (1) That would have been the student's
26 junior or senior year of high school; and

27 (2) In which the student completes the
28 requirements for high school graduation and obtains a General Educational
29 Development certificate instead of receiving a diploma; and

30 (ii) Remains continuously enrolled as a full-time or
31 part-time student.

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33 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-85-210(c)(4), concerning continuing
34 eligibility, is amended to read as follows:

35 (4) Except as provided under § 6-85-211(a)(3) and unless the
36 requirements of this subsection are waived by the department under subsection

1 (d) of this section, to regain eligibility for the scholarship:

2 (A)(i) As a traditional full-time student or nontraditional
3 full-time student, the student shall:

4 (a) Successfully complete at least fifteen (15)
5 semester hours of courses for credit for which the approved institution of
6 higher education certifies that the courses meet the satisfactory academic
7 progress standards of the institution; and

8 (b) Achieve a 2.5 grade point average for the
9 semester hours completed under this subdivision (c)(4)(A).

10 (ii) A traditional full-time student who does not
11 regain eligibility under subdivision (c)(4)(A)(i) of this section is
12 ineligible to reapply for a scholarship as a traditional student but may
13 apply as a nontraditional student; and

14 (B) As a traditional part-time student or nontraditional
15 part-time student, the student shall:

16 (i) Successfully complete at least six (6) semester
17 hours of courses for credit for which the approved institution of higher
18 education certifies that the courses meet the satisfactory academic progress
19 standards of the institution; and

20 (ii) Achieve a 2.5 grade point average for the
21 semester hours successfully completed under this subdivision (c)(4)(B).

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