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A Bill

SENATE BILL 31

5 By: Senator Hickey
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE
9 SCHOLARSHIP; TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY AS A TRADITIONAL
10 STUDENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC
13 CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP; AND TO EXPAND
14 ELIGIBILITY AS A TRADITIONAL STUDENT.
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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 § 6-85-207 is amended to read as follows:

22 6-85-207. Additional eligibility requirements for traditional students.

23 In addition to the requirements of § 6-85-206, an applicant is eligible
24 as a traditional student if the applicant:

25 (1) Graduated from an Arkansas public high school and has a
26 minimum composite score of nineteen (19) on the ACT or the equivalent score
27 on an ACT equivalent;

28 (2) Has a disability identified under the Individuals with
29 Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq., as it existed on July
30 1, 2009, and graduated from an Arkansas public high school, and either:

31 (A) Had a minimum composite score of nineteen (19) on the
32 ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent; or

33 (B) Scored proficient or higher on all state-mandated end-
34 of-course assessments, including without limitation end-of-course assessments
35 on:

36 (i) Algebra I;



- 1 (ii) Geometry;
- 2 (iii) Biology; and
- 3 (iv) Literacy; ~~or~~

4 (3) Achieved a minimum composite score of nineteen (19) on the
 5 ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent and:

6 (A) Graduated from a private high school, an out-of-state
 7 high school, or a home school high school; or

8 (B) In the year in which the student would have been a
 9 junior or senior in high school, completed the requirements for high school
 10 graduation and obtained a high school equivalency diploma approved by the
 11 Department of Career Education instead of receiving a diploma; or

12 (4) Meets the following criteria:

13 (A) Was enrolled at an institution of higher education in
 14 the immediately preceding academic year as a full-time, first-time freshman;

15 (B) Did not receive a scholarship under this subchapter as
 16 a full-time, first-time freshman;

17 (C) Successfully completed at least twenty-seven (27)
 18 semester hours of courses in consecutive semesters, not including a summer
 19 term, as a full-time, first-time freshman; and

20 (D) Achieved a postsecondary grade point average of at
 21 least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale as a full-time, first-time freshman.

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