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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1296

5 By: Representative McCollum
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE KEEP ARKANSANS WORKING ACT OF
9 2019; TO ENSURE THAT DEFAULT OR DELINQUENT STUDENT
10 LOANS OR SCHOLARSHIPS DO NOT RESULT IN SUSPENSION OR
11 REVOCATION OF A LICENSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO CREATE THE KEEP ARKANSANS WORKING ACT
15 OF 2019; AND TO ENSURE THAT DEFAULT OR
16 DELINQUENT STUDENT LOANS OR SCHOLARSHIPS
17 DO NOT RESULT IN SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION
18 OF A LICENSE.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17 is amended to add an additional
25 chapter to read as follows:

26 Chapter 2 – Keep Arkansans Working Act of 2019
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28 17-2-101. Title.

29 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Keep Arkansans
30 Working Act of 2019".
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32 17-2-102. Purpose.

33 It is the purpose of this chapter to ensure that hard-working Arkansans
34 maintain occupational licenses while trying to maintain debt free lives and
35 trying not to be impoverished.
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1 17-2-103. Definitions.

2 As used in this subchapter:

3 (1) "Default" means the failure to:

4 (A) Repay a student loan according to the terms agreed
 5 upon in a promissory note; or

6 (B) Satisfy the requirements and conditions of a work
 7 conditional scholarship for repayment;

8 (2) "Delinquent" means the failure to:

9 (A) Make a student loan payment when the payment is due;
 10 or

11 (B) Satisfy the requirements and conditions of a work
 12 conditional scholarship for repayment;

13 (3) "License" means a license, certificate, registration,
 14 permit, or other form of authorization required by law or rule that is
 15 required for an individual to engage in a particular occupation or
 16 profession;

17 (4) "Scholarship" means an award of financial aid to a student
 18 for education at a public or private institution of higher education;

19 (5) "State authority" means an office, board, commission,
 20 department, council, bureau, or other agency of state government having
 21 authority to license, certify, register, permit, or otherwise authorize an
 22 individual to engage in a particular occupation or profession; and

23 (6) "Student loan" means a loan guaranteed by the federal
 24 government or state government for purposes of education at a public or
 25 private institution of higher education.

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 27 17-2-104. Student loans.

28 Except as provided for rural medical practice student loans and
 29 scholarships under § 6-81-701 et seq., a state authority shall not suspend or
 30 revoke a license that has been issued to an individual solely on the basis of
 31 that individual being:

32 (1) Default on the repayment obligations required by one (1) or
 33 more student loans; or

34 (2) Delinquent in the payment of one (1) or more student loans.

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 36 17-2-105. Scholarships.

1 Except as provided for rural medical practice student loans and
2 scholarships under § 6-81-701 et seq., a state authority shall not suspend or
3 revoke a license that has been issued to an individual solely on the basis of
4 that individual being:

5 (1) Default on the satisfaction of the requirements and
6 conditions of a scholarship; or

7 (2) Delinquent in the satisfaction of the requirements and
8 conditions of a scholarship.

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