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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE
9 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - PART 2; TO AMEND ELIGIBILITY
10 REQUIREMENTS REGARDING AN APPLICANT FOR THE ARKANSAS
11 ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP TO INCLUDE THE
12 APPLICANT'S SUPERSCORE ON THE ACT; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TO AMEND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
17 REGARDING AN APPLICANT FOR THE ARKANSAS
18 ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP TO INCLUDE
19 THE APPLICANT'S SUPERSCORE ON THE ACT.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-85-204, concerning definitions under the
26 Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program – Part 2, is amended to add
27 an additional subdivision to read as follows:

28 (27) "Superscore" means the final composite score that is
29 calculated according to a combination of the highest individual section
30 scores across all of the ACT tests taken by an individual.
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32 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-85-207(1), concerning additional
33 eligibility requirements regarding graduation for traditional students under
34 the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program – Part 2, is amended to
35 read as follows:

36 (1)(A) Graduated from an Arkansas public high school and has a



1 minimum ~~composite score~~ superscore of nineteen (19) on the ACT or the
 2 equivalent score on an ACT equivalent~~+~~.

3 (B) The Department of Higher Education shall promulgate
 4 rules in consultation with ACT to determine the mechanism for calculating and
 5 disseminating an applicant's superscore on the ACT;

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 7 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-85-207(3), concerning additional
 8 eligibility requirements regarding the ACT score for traditional students
 9 under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program – Part 2, is
 10 amended to read as follows:

11 (3) Achieved a minimum ~~composite score~~ superscore of nineteen
 12 (19) on the ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent and:

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

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

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 20 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-85-208(1)(B), concerning additional
 21 eligibility requirements regarding graduation and ACT scores for
 22 nontraditional students under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship
 23 Program – Part 2, is amended to read as follows:

24 (B)(i) Graduated from an Arkansas public high school, a
 25 private high school, an out-of-state high school, a home school high school,
 26 or obtained a high school equivalency diploma approved by the Department of
 27 Career Education and had a minimum ~~composite score~~ superscore of nineteen
 28 (19) on the ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent~~+~~~~or~~.

29 (ii) The Department of Higher Education shall
 30 promulgate rules in consultation with ACT to determine the mechanism for
 31 calculating and disseminating an applicant's superscore on the ACT; or

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 33 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(i)(3)(A), concerning scholarship
 34 award amounts under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program –
 35 Part 2, is amended to read as follows:

36 (3)(A) If, after funding all students with continuing

1 eligibility under this section, funding is insufficient to fund all qualified
2 first-time applicants, the Department of Higher Education shall award
3 scholarships to first-time applicants in order of priority based upon the
4 applicants' highest ACT superscore or ~~ACT-equivalent scores~~ ACT-equivalent
5 super score.

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