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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1647

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

## Subtitle

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

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



1 (1)(A) Graduated from an Arkansas public high school and has a  
2 minimum ~~composite score~~ superscore of nineteen (19) on the ACT or the  
3 equivalent score on an ACT equivalent~~+~~.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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