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A Bill

SENATE BILL 287

5 By: Senator Hester
6 By: Representative Penzo
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR
10 CERTAIN ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIPS; TO AMEND THE
11 SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS TO ALLOW CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS
12 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIPS; TO DECLARE
13 AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 TO AMEND THE SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS TO
18 ALLOW CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO BE ELIGIBLE
19 FOR CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIPS; AND TO DECLARE
20 AN EMERGENCY.
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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 § 6-82-306(b)(3), concerning eligibility
26 requirements for the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program, is amended to read
27 as follows:

28 (3) Is a ~~citizen;~~

29 (A) Citizen of the United States ~~or a permanent resident~~
30 ~~alien;~~

31 (B) Permanent resident alien;

32 (C) Person who has obtained an H-4 visa issued by the
33 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services; or

34 (D) Person who is a migrant from the Compact of Free
35 Association Islands;
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-82-404(b)(3), concerning eligibility
 2 requirements under the Arkansas High Technology Scholarship Program, is
 3 amended to read as follows:

4 (3) Is a ~~citizen~~;

5 (A) Citizen of the United States or a permanent resident
 6 alien;

7 (B) Permanent resident alien;

8 (C) Person who has obtained an H-4 visa issued by the
 9 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services; or

10 (D) Person who is a migrant from the Compact of Free
 11 Association Islands; and

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 13 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-85-206(2), concerning basic eligibility
 14 requirements under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program – Part
 15 2, is amended to read as follows:

16 (2) The applicant is a ~~citizen~~;

17 (A) Citizen of the United States or is a lawful permanent
 18 resident;

19 (B) Lawful permanent resident;

20 (C) Person who has obtained an H-4 visa issued by the
 21 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services; or

22 (D) Person who is a migrant from the Compact of Free
 23 Association Islands;

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 25 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 26 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that current students would qualify
 27 for scholarships based on the language of this act; and that this act is
 28 immediately necessary to ensure that current students who would qualify for
 29 scholarships based on the language of this act will not be denied
 30 scholarships for the upcoming school year. Therefore, an emergency is
 31 declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the
 32 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
 33 on:

34 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

35 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
 36 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the

1 bill; or

2 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
3 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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