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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

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 holds or is the child of a person who holds  
33 a Federal Form I-766 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services-  
34 issued Employment Authorization Document, known popularly as a "work permit";  
35 or

36 (D) Person who is a migrant from the Compact of Free



1 Association Islands;

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-82-404(b)(3), concerning eligibility  
4 requirements under the Arkansas High Technology Scholarship Program, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

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

7 (A) Citizen of the United States ~~or a permanent resident~~  
8 ~~alien;~~

9 (B) Permanent resident alien;

10 (C) Person who holds or is the child of a person who holds  
11 a Federal Form I-766 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services-  
12 issued Employment Authorization Document, known popularly as a "work permit";  
13 or

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

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17 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-85-206(2), concerning basic eligibility  
18 requirements under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program – Part  
19 2, is amended to read as follows:

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

21 (A) Citizen of the United States ~~or is a lawful permanent~~  
22 ~~resident;~~

23 (B) Lawful permanent resident;

24 (C) Person who holds or is the child of a person who holds  
25 a Federal Form I-766 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services-  
26 issued Employment Authorization Document, known popularly as a "work permit";  
27 or

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

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31 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
32 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that current students would qualify  
33 for scholarships based on the language of this act; and that this act is  
34 immediately necessary to ensure that current students who would qualify for  
35 scholarships based on the language of this act will not be denied  
36 scholarships for the upcoming school year. Therefore, an emergency is

1 declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the  
2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective  
3 on:

- 4 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;
- 5 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
6 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
7 bill; or
- 8 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
9 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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