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A Bill

SENATE BILL 249

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING IN-STATE TUITION FOR VETERANS AND
9 MILITARY PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS; TO AMEND THE
10 SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR IN-STATE TUITION FOR VETERANS
11 AND MILITARY PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS UNDER CERTAIN
12 CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 TO AMEND THE SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR IN-
17 STATE TUITION FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY
18 PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS UNDER CERTAIN
19 CIRCUMSTANCES.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-60-205 is amended to read as follows:

25 6-60-205. In-state tuition for veterans and military personnel and
26 dependents.

27 (a) Regardless of residence, a state-supported institution of higher
28 education, trade school, or vocational school shall classify a student as in-
29 state, in-county, in-district, local, or resident for the purpose of tuition
30 and fees applicable for all programs of study, including distance learning
31 programs, if the student is a:

32 (1) Veteran who received an honorable discharge from a period of
33 not less than ninety (90) days of active duty in the United States Armed
34 Forces within three (3) years before the date of enrollment in a program of
35 study;

36 (2) Dependent of a veteran under subdivision ~~(1)~~ (a)(1) of this



1 section;

2 (3) Member of the United States Armed Forces;

3 (4) Spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces; or

4 (5) Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadet who has an executed
5 United States Armed Forces service contract.

6 (b) In the event the number of students who qualify for in-state
7 tuition and fees under this section during an academic year exceeds the
8 amount of funds appropriated to the Higher Education Grants Fund Account for
9 purposes of funding students who qualify for in-state tuition and fees under
10 this section during the given academic year, the excess awards that qualify
11 for distribution under this section shall be funded with any funds remaining
12 after the Division of Higher Education allocates sufficient funding to award
13 the following scholarships at levels equivalent to the awards made in the
14 previous academic year:

15 (1) Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship, § 6-85-201 et seq.;

16 (2) Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship, § 6-85-301 et
17 seq.; and

18 (3) Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship, § 6-85-401 et
19 seq.

20 (c) As used in this section, "dependent" means one (1) of the
21 following:

22 (1) A biological child;

23 (2) An adopted child; or

24 (3) A stepchild.

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