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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1413

5 By: Representative Lundstrum
6 *By: Senator J. English*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING LOTTERY-FUNDED SCHOLARSHIP
10 PROGRAMS; TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE
11 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, ARKANSAS WORKFORCE CHALLENGE
12 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, AND ARKANSAS CONCURRENT
13 CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO INCLUDE VOCATIONAL-
14 TECHNICAL SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AS
15 APPROVED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND FOR
16 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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20 TO AMEND THE LOTTERY-FUNDED SCHOLARSHIP
21 PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL
22 SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AS
23 APPROVED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
24 EDUCATION.

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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-85-204(3), concerning the definition of
30 an "approved institution of higher education" under the Arkansas Academic
31 Challenge Scholarship Program, is amended to read as follows:

32 (3) "Approved institution of higher education" means an
33 institution of higher education approved by the division to participate in
34 the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program and that is:

35 (A) A state-supported two-year or four-year college or
36 university;



1 (B) A private, nonprofit two-year or four-year college or
2 university with its primary headquarters located in Arkansas that is eligible
3 to receive Title IV federal student aid funds; ~~or~~

4 (C) An approved school of nursing, subject to the
5 provisions of § 6-85-213(c);

6 (D) A public or private vocational-technical school; or

7 (E) A public or private technical institute;

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9 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-85-302(1), concerning the definition of
10 an "approved institution of higher education" under the Arkansas Workforce
11 Challenge Scholarship Program, is amended to read as follows:

12 (1) "Approved institution of higher education" means an
13 institution of higher education approved by the Division of Higher Education
14 to participate in the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Program and
15 that is:

16 (A) A state-supported two-year or four-year college or
17 university; ~~or~~

18 (B) A private, nonprofit two-year or four-year college or
19 university with its primary headquarters located in Arkansas that is eligible
20 to receive Title IV federal student aid funds;

21 (C) A public or private vocational-technical school; or

22 (D) A public or private technical institute; and

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24 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-85-306 is amended to read as follows:
25 6-85-306. Agreements between institutions.

26 An approved institution of higher education may enter into agreements
27 with other institutions of higher education, ~~including without limitation~~
28 ~~technical institutes,~~ to allow students enrolled in the approved institution
29 of higher education under this subchapter to take courses at the other
30 institutions of higher education.

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32 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-85-402(1), concerning the definition of
33 "approved institution of higher education" under the Arkansas Concurrent
34 Challenge Scholarship Program, is amended to read as follows:

35 (1) "Approved institution of higher education" means an
36 institution of higher education that:

1 (A) Is approved by the Division of Higher Education to
2 participate in the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program;

3 (B) Offers at least a fifty-percent discount on the
4 tuition and mandatory fees of an endorsed concurrent enrollment course or
5 certificate program to a student who is enrolled in an endorsed concurrent
6 enrollment course or certificate program, unless other opportunities are
7 provided that lower the tuition and mandatory fees below fifty percent (50%);
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9 (C) Is a:

10 (i) State-supported two-year or four-year college or
11 university; ~~or~~

12 (ii) Private, nonprofit two-year or four-year
13 college or university that has its primary headquarters located in Arkansas
14 and that is eligible to receive Title IV federal student aid funds;

15 (iii) A public or private vocational-technical
16 school; or

17 (iv) A public or private technical institute;
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