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A Bill

SENATE BILL 294

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For An Act To Be Entitled

12 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS
13 SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY ACT CONCERNING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
14 AMOUNTS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
15 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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20 SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY ACT CONCERNING
21 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AMOUNTS; AND TO DECLARE
22 AN EMERGENCY.

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

27 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(e)(1)(A), concerning scholarship*
28 *award amounts for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, Part*
29 *2, is amended to read as follows:*

30 *(e)(1)(A) Beginning with the ~~2011-2012~~ 2013-2014 academic year, the*
31 *scholarship award amount under this subchapter for an academic year for a*
32 *full-time recipient enrolled in a four-year approved institution of higher*
33 *education is ~~four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500):~~*

34 *(i) Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for a recipient in his*
35 *or her freshman year;*

36 *(ii) Three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for a recipient in*



1 his or her sophomore year;

2 (iii) Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for a recipient in
3 his or her junior year; and

4 (iv) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for a recipient in his
5 or her senior year.

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7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(e)(2)(A), concerning scholarship
8 award amounts for nontraditional students in the Arkansas Academic Challenge
9 Scholarship Program, Part 2, is amended to read as follows:

10 (2)(A)(i) The department shall award an aggregate amount of
11 scholarship awards to nontraditional students beginning with the 2010-2011
12 academic year of twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000).

13 (ii) Beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year, the
14 department shall award an aggregate amount of scholarship awards to
15 nontraditional students of sixteen million (\$16,000,000).

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17 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(e)(3), concerning scholarship
18 award amounts under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, Part
19 2, to students attending two-year institutions of higher education, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 (3) The scholarship award for an academic year for a full-time
22 student enrolled in one (1) of the following institutions of higher education
23 ~~is one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the scholarship award amount for a full-time undergraduate~~
24 ~~student enrolled in a four-year approved institution of higher education~~ two
25 thousand dollars (\$2,000):

26 (A) A two-year approved institution of higher education;

27 (B) A branch campus of a four-year approved institution of
28 higher education; or

29 (C) An approved nursing school.

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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 increasing the number of
33 Arkansans obtaining postsecondary credentials is critical to the economic
34 health of the state and its citizens; that the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery
35 provides the opportunity for tens of thousands of Arkansans to obtain
36 postsecondary education; that the deadline for scholarship applications is

1 June 1; that the financial integrity of the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery is
2 critical to the continued existence of the scholarships; and that this act is
3 immediately necessary because the Department of Higher Education must
4 promulgate rules to implement this act well before June 1, 2013, in order to
5 provide eligible Arkansans the opportunity to apply for the scholarship.
6 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately
7 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
8 become effective on:

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

10 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
11 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
12 bill; or

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

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