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A Bill

SENATE BILL 712

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REDUCE THE LIMITATIONS ON THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE-FUNDED STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE TO HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS; TO INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY TO HIGHER EDUCATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES RECEIVING STUDENT FINANCIAL AID; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO LIMITATIONS ON STATE-FUNDED STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE TO HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS AND INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY TO HIGHER EDUCATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES RECEIVING STUDENT FINANCIAL AID.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-80-105(a)(5), concerning the definition of "student aid package" for the purpose of scholarship stacking, is amended to read as follows:

(5)(A) "Student aid package" means federal aid, state aid, and other aid a student receives for postsecondary education expenses.

(B) "Student aid package" does not include federal aid, state aid, or other aid received by a student who is:

(i) An active member of the armed forces of the United States;

(ii) An active member of the National Guard;



(iii) A member of the reserve components of the armed forces; or

(iv) The spouse of a person under subdivision (5)(B)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this section.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-80-106(a)(1)(B)(iv), concerning the definition of "academic scholarships" for the purpose of limitations on expenditures for academic scholarships, is amended to read as follows:

(iv) Scholarships made to a student who qualifies for a ~~maximum~~ Pell Grant; and

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-80-106(a)(2)(B), concerning the definition of "performance scholarships" for the purpose of limitations on expenditures for performance scholarships, is amended to read as follows:

(B) "Performance scholarships" does not include scholarships made to a student who qualifies for a ~~maximum~~ Pell Grant.

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