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A Bill

SENATE BILL 31

By: Senator Hickey
By: Representative Hammer

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE
SCHOLARSHIP; TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY AS A TRADITIONAL
STUDENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC
CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP; AND TO EXPAND
ELIGIBILITY AS A TRADITIONAL STUDENT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-85-207 is amended to read as follows:

6-85-207. Additional eligibility requirements for traditional students.

In addition to the requirements of § 6-85-206, an applicant is eligible as a traditional student if the applicant:

(1) Graduated from an Arkansas public high school and has a minimum composite score of nineteen (19) on the ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent;

(2) Has a disability identified under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq., as it existed on July 1, 2009, and graduated from an Arkansas public high school, and either:

(A) Had a minimum composite score of nineteen (19) on the ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent; or

(B) Scored proficient or higher on all state-mandated end-of-course assessments, including without limitation end-of-course assessments on:



- (i) Algebra I;
- (ii) Geometry;
- (iii) Biology; and
- (iv) Literacy; ~~or~~

(3) Achieved a minimum composite score of nineteen (19) on the ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent and:

(A) Graduated from a private high school, an out-of-state high school, or a home school high school; or

(B) In the year in which the student would have been a junior or senior in high school, completed the requirements for high school graduation and obtained a high school equivalency diploma approved by the Department of Career Education instead of receiving a diploma; or

(4) Meets the following criteria:

(A) Was enrolled at an institution of higher education in the immediately preceding academic year as a full-time, first-time freshman;

(B) Did not receive a scholarship under this subchapter as a full-time, first-time freshman;

(C) Successfully completed at least twenty-seven (27) semester hours of courses in consecutive semesters, not including a summer term, as a full-time, first-time freshman; and

(D) Achieved a postsecondary grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale as a full-time, first-time freshman.

/s/Hickey

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