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A Bill

SENATE BILL 287

By: Senator Hester

By: Representative Penzo

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIPS; TO AMEND THE SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS TO ALLOW CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIPS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS TO ALLOW CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIPS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-82-306(b)(3), concerning eligibility requirements for the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program, is amended to read as follows:

(3) Is a ~~citizen~~;

(A) Citizen of the United States ~~or a permanent resident alien~~;

(B) Permanent resident alien;

(C) Person who holds or is the child of a person who holds a Federal Form I-766 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services-issued Employment Authorization Document, known popularly as a "work permit";
or

(D) Person who is a migrant from the Compact of Free



Association Islands;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-82-404(b)(3), concerning eligibility requirements under the Arkansas High Technology Scholarship Program, is amended to read as follows:

(3) Is a ~~citizen~~;

(A) Citizen of the United States ~~or a permanent resident alien;~~

(B) Permanent resident alien;

(C) Person who holds or is the child of a person who holds a Federal Form I-766 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services-issued Employment Authorization Document, known popularly as a "work permit";
or

(D) Person who is a migrant from the Compact of Free Association Islands; and

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that current students would qualify for scholarships based on the language of this act; and that this act is immediately necessary to ensure that current students who would qualify for scholarships based on the language of this act will not be denied scholarships for the upcoming school year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

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

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

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

/s/Hester

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