

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1462

By: Representatives Scott, Murdock

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW A STATE-SUPPORTED TWO-YEAR OR FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO DESIGNATE FROM AMONGST CURRENT STAFF MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION A HOMELESS AND FOSTER STUDENT LIAISON; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW A STATE-SUPPORTED TWO-YEAR OR FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO DESIGNATE FROM AMONGST CURRENT STAFF MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION A HOMELESS AND FOSTER STUDENT LIAISON.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-60-113. Homeless and foster student liaison.

(a) As used in this section, "institution of higher education" means a college or university that is a:

(1) State-supported two-year or four-year college or university;

or

(2) Private, nonprofit two-year or four-year college or university that is eligible to receive Title IV federal student aid funds with its primary headquarters located in Arkansas.

(b) An institution of higher education may designate a current member



of the staff of the institution of higher education to serve as the liaison for students who are homeless, in foster care, or who left foster care at eighteen (18) years of age or older if the institution of higher education determines that there is a need for a liaison for students who are homeless, in foster care, or who left foster care at eighteen (18) years of age or older.

(c) A liaison for students who are homeless, in foster care, or who left foster care at eighteen (18) years of age or older under subsection (b) of this section shall:

(1) Inform prospective and current students of the institution of higher education who are homeless, in foster care, or who left foster care at eighteen (18) years of age or older about:

(A) Financial aid; and

(B) Other means of financial assistance available to the students of the institution of higher education who are homeless, in foster care, or who left foster care at eighteen (18) years of age or older; and

(2) Assist students of the institution of higher education who are homeless, in foster care, or who left foster care at eighteen (18) years of age or older in applying for and receiving:

(A) Federal and state financial aid; and

(B) Other available services designed to assist students who are homeless, in foster care, or who left foster care at eighteen (18) years of age or older with navigating and successfully managing course work and student life.

/s/Scott

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