

HOUSE AMENDMENT 2 TO hb2075.

by striking line 7 on page 2 in its entirety and substituting therefore:

"(2) 7243 HE DEPUTY DIRECTOR 1 \$ 95,396 \$ 98,067";

and

by striking line 9 on page 2 in its entirety and substituting therefore:

"(4) 9922 DHE ASSOC DIR ACAD AFF. 1 \$75,466 \$77,579

(4a) 9978 ASST DIRECTOR FOR PLANNING 1 \$64,208 \$66,006";

and

by striking line 11 on page 2 in its entirety and substituting therefore:

"(6) 9090 ASST DIRECTOR OF INFO SERVICES 1 \$ 64,208 \$ 66,006";

and

by striking line 16 on page 2 in its entirety;

and

by appropriately renumbering subsequent item numbers;

and

by striking line 20 on page 2 in its entirety and substituting therefore:

"A032 AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER 1

R096 HIGHER ED ASST COORD STDNT FIN AID 3";

and

by striking on line 23 on page 2 the figure "2" and substituting therefore "1";

and

by striking on line 10 of page 3 the figures "899,629 924,814"

and substituting therefor "1,267,774 1,302,756";

and

by striking on line 11 of page 3 the figures "221,129 225,932"

and substituting therefor "311,619 318,133";

and

by striking on line 13 of page 3 the figures "186,884 186,884"

and substituting therefor "407,181 407,181";

and

by striking on line 14 of page 3 the figures "37,525 37,525"

and substituting therefor "63,901 63,901";

and

by striking line 19 of page 3 in its entirety and substituting therefore:

"(05) ACCREDITATION/EVALUATION 65,000 65,000";

and

by striking on line 20 of page 3 the figures "1,515,758 1,545,746"

and substituting therefor "2,241,066 2,282,562";

and
 by striking on line 22 on page 4 the figures "1,282,500 1,282,500" and substituting therefore "3,198,450 4,824,452";
 and
 by striking on line 33 on page 4 the figures "9,000,000 9,000,000" and substituting therefore "13,100,000 14,675,000";
 and
 by striking on line 2 of page 5 the single underscores "____ ____";
 and
 by striking line 3 of page 5 in its entirety and substituting therefor the following new lines:

" (16) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ARKANSAS		
REHABILITATION SERVICES CLIENTS	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$24,152,217</u>	<u>\$27,353,219</u> ";

and
 by striking on line 13 of page 5 the figures "198,382 198,382" and substituting therefor "316,147 316,147";
 and
 by striking line 24 of page 7 in its entirety and substituting therefor: "appropriations may be transferred between financial aid programs, except that funds and appropriations may not be transferred for such purposes from either the Governor's Scholars Program or the Academic Challenge Scholarships Program in excess of \$1,000,000 in the aggregate in either fiscal year.";
 and
 by inserting on line 14 of page 9 the words "Governor's Scholars Program and the" immediately before the word "Academic";
 and
 by striking Section 22 in its entirety and substituting the following new sections:

"SECTION 22. The funds which shall be available during either year of the biennium for any Item No. or category of financial aid in Section 6 shall not be reallocated or reduced below the amount of funds expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, for the purpose of funding any increase in the Governor's Scholars Program or Academic Challenge Scholarship Program approved by the Eighty First General Assembly. Any funds distributed through the provisions of the Revenue Stabilization Law to the Higher Education Grants Fund Account during the 1997-99 biennium above \$7,436,548 each fiscal year shall be used exclusively to provide additional funding for appropriations made for the Academic Challenge Scholarships Program and the Governor's Scholars Program.

SECTION 23. Should the funding of Governor's Scholars Program exceed the funding level of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, and the number of scholarships awarded increases to 200 or more as a result of the actions of the Eighty First General Assembly, the Department of Higher Education shall make every effort to assure a geographic distribution of the awards without compromising the academic criteria established for such awards.

SECTION 24. In calculating the amount of an award under Arkansas Code 6-82-312(b), the Department of Higher Education shall presume that the amount of tuition, room and board, and fees are the amounts which were published by the approved institution for the 1996-97 academic year, adjusted annually for inflation.

SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. The Department of Higher Education will work with the state college and university president's council to review, revise and develop funding formulae which will, in principle, seek to provide fair and equitable state support to all postsecondary students across the state, regardless of the state institution attended, while at the same time recognizing (a) the different needs for lower level, upper level, and graduate level instruction at the various institutions, (b) the requirements for specialized equipment and labs and smaller class sizes in some disciplines and (c) unique missions, such as agricultural extension services, research, medical sciences, workforce development, and public service; and (d) growth, economies of scale and other appropriate factors. The formula will be developed in consensus with the state college and university president's council and presented to the State Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Joint Budget Committee of the General Assembly for review.

SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES CLIENTS. Upon certification of scholarship awards by the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, the Department of Higher Education shall award the money to the institution of higher education. Monies appropriated in Item (16) of Section 6 of this Act are restricted to the cost of tuition, fees, books and other education-related expenses with no administrative costs allowed.

Individuals eligible to receive funds are those individuals with physical and/or mental disabilities who have completed an assessment process with ARS Rehabilitation Counselors and who have been determined to be eligible for vocational rehabilitation services and who have established a vocational goal which would require participation in Post-Secondary Education programs in order to achieve an appropriate employment outcome. Such individuals should be required to meet ARS's existing economic need criteria in order to receive services which require the expenditure of agency funds.

The Department of Higher Education shall not transfer funds and/or appropriation from Item (16) of Section 6 of this Act to any other item in this Act."

and

by renumbering subsequent sections;

and

by striking lines 19 through 24 of page 11 and substituting therefor the following

"Education Grants Fund Account \$250,000 for each year of the biennium.".