

**SIXTY-FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS
HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Little Rock, Arkansas
March 16, 2009

The House was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Mr. Wills, the Speaker. The following members answered to the roll call:

Abernathy, Adcock, Allen, Baird, Baker, Barnett, Betts, Blount, Bradford, Breedlove, Brown, J. Burris, M. Burris, Carnine, Carroll, Carter, Cash, Cheatham, Clemmer, Cole, Cook, Cooper, Cowling, Creekmore, Dale, Davenport, Davis, Dickinson, Dismang, Dunn, Edwards, English, Everett, Flowers, Garner, Gaskill, George, Glidewell, Green, Greenberg, Hall, Hardy, Harrelson, Hawkins, Hobbs, Hopper, House, Hoyt, Hutchinson, Hyde, Ingram, Kerr, Kidd, King, Lea, Lewellen, Lindsey, Lovell, Lowery, Maloch, Malone, Martin, Maxwell, McCrary, McLean, Moore, Nickels, Nix, Overbey, Patterson, Pennartz, Perry, Pierce, Powers, Pyle, Ragland, Rainey, Reep, Reynolds, Rice, Roebuck, J. Rogers ,T. Rogers, Sample, Saunders, Shelby, Slinkard, L. Smith, Stewart, Summers, Tyler, Wagner, Webb, Wells, Wilkins, Williams, Woods, Word, Mr. Speaker.

Total99

The following member(s) was absent and did not answer to the roll call:
G. Smith.

Total1

A quorum was present.

Unanimous leave was granted for Representative(s) G. Smith.

The House stood and was led in prayer by House Chaplain Cornell Maltbia, Pastor, True Holiness Saint's Center, Conway, Arkansas.

The House stood and gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

COMMITTEE REPORT

March 16, 2009

STATE AGENCIES	EDDIE CHEATHAM
AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS	VICE-CHAIRMAN
HOUSE BILL NO. 1047	DO PASS
BY REPRESENTATIVE KING	
HOUSE BILL NO. 1588	DO PASS
BY REPRESENTATIVE KING	
HOUSE BILL NO. 1646	DO PASS
BY REPRESENTATIVE RAINEY	
HOUSE BILL NO. 2009	DO PASS
BY REPRESENTATIVE L. SMITH	
HOUSE BILL NO. 2073	DO PASS
BY REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS	
HOUSE BILL NO. 2095	DO PASS
BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENBERG	
HOUSE BILL NO. 2200	DO PASS
BY REPRESENTATIVE PATTERSON	
SENATE BILL NO. 76	DO PASS
BY SENATOR MADISON	
SENATE BILL NO. 353	DO PASS
BY SENATOR FARIS	
SENATE BILL NO. 448	DO PASS
BY SENATOR D. JOHNSON	
SENATE BILL NO. 467	DO PASS
BY SENATOR SALMON	

Upon motion of Representative Wills, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1002** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1002

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1002** as engrossed,
H3/12/09 (version: 03-12-2009 09:24):

Add as cosponsors of the bill:

Representatives Cole, Powers

AND

Delete Sections 1-27 of the bill in their entirety and substitute:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23 is amended to add an additional chapter to read as follows:

CHAPTER 115

ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY ACT

SUBCHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

23-115-101. Short title.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act".

23-115-102. Legislative intent.

It is found and declared by the General Assembly that:

(1) Net proceeds of lotteries conducted under this chapter shall be used to:

(A) Fund and provide for scholarships and grants to citizens of the State of Arkansas enrolled in public and private nonprofit two-year and four-year colleges and universities located within the state; and

(B) Supplement, not supplant, nonlottery educational resources;

(2) Lotteries shall be operated and managed in a manner that:

(A) Provides continuing entertainment to the public;

(B) Maximizes revenues; and

(C) Ensures that the lotteries are operated with integrity, dignity, adequate internal controls, and free of political influence; and

(3) The Arkansas Lottery Commission shall be accountable to the General Assembly and to the public through a system of audits and reports.

23-115-103. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Adjudication" means agency process for the formulation of an

order;

(2) "Administrative expenses" means operating expenses, excluding amounts set aside for prizes, regardless of whether the prizes are claimed and excluding amounts held as a fidelity fund under § 23-115-603;

(3) "Administrative order" means the final disposition of the Arkansas Lottery Commission in any matter other than a claim in contract or in tort, including without limitation licensing, in which the Arkansas Lottery Commission is required by law to make its determination after notice and a hearing;

(4)(A) "Casino gambling" means a location or business for the purposes of conducting illegal gambling activities, including without limitation activities under § 5-66-101 et seq. that are not authorized under this chapter.

(B) "Casino gambling" does not include the sale and purchase of tickets or shares;

(5) "Female-owned business" means a business:

(A) Whose management and daily business operations are under the control of one (1) or more females; and

(B) Either:

(i) Individually owned by a female who reports as her personal income for Arkansas income tax purposes the income of the business;

(ii) Which is a partnership in which a majority of the ownership interest is owned by one (1) or more females who report as their personal income for Arkansas income tax purposes more than fifty percent (50%) of the income of the partnership; or

(iii) Which is a corporation organized under the laws of this state in which a majority of the common stock is owned by one (1) or more females who report as their personal income for Arkansas income tax purposes more than fifty percent (50%) of the distributed earnings of the corporation;

(6) "Gift" means any payment, entertainment, advance, services, or anything of value, unless consideration of equal or greater value has been given therefor;

(7) "Immediate family" means the father, mother, sister, brother, husband, wife, child, grandmother, grandfather, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, stepchild, grandmother-in-law, grandfather-in-law, stepgrandchild, or any individual acting as parent or guardian;

(8) "Incompetency" means:

(A) Gross ignorance of official duties;

(B) Gross carelessness in the discharge of official duties; or

(C) Inability or unfitness to discharge promptly and properly

official duties because of a serious physical or mental defect that did not exist at the time of the person's appointment;

(9) "License" means authorization granted by the Arkansas Lottery Commission to an individual to operate as a retailer, including without limitation the execution of a contract between the Arkansas Lottery Commission and the individual relating to obligations and terms for operating as a retailer;

(10) "Lobbying" means communicating directly or soliciting others to communicate with any member of the Arkansas Lottery Commission, the Director of the Arkansas Lottery Commission, any employee of the Arkansas Lottery Commission, or a member of the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee with the purpose of influencing the actions of the Arkansas Lottery Commission or the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee;

(11) "Local government" means:

(A) A county;

(B) A city of the first class or a city of the second class;

(C) An incorporated town; or

(D) Any other district or political subdivision or any board, commission, or agency of the political subdivisions under subdivisions (10)(A)-(C) of this section;

(12)(A) "Lottery" means a game of chance approved by the Arkansas Lottery Commission and operated under this chapter.

(B) "Lottery" includes without limitation:

(i) An instant ticket;

(ii) A draw game; and

(iii) Participation in a multistate or multisovereign game.

(C) "Lottery" does not include:

(i) Casino gambling;

(ii) A video lottery;

(iii) Pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing or greyhound racing governed by the Arkansas Horse Racing Law, § 23-110-101 et seq., or the Arkansas Greyhound Racing Law, § 23-111-101 et seq., whether the pari-mutuel wagering is on live racing, simulcast racing, or races conducted in the past and rebroadcast by electronic means;

(iv) Wagering on electronic games of skill under the Local Option Horse Racing and Greyhound Racing Electronic Games of Skill Act, 23-113-101 et seq.; or

(v) Conducting or participating in charitable bingo and

raffles under the Charitable Bingo and Raffles Enabling Act, 23-114-101 et seq.:

(13) "Lottery proceeds" means all revenue derived from the sale of tickets or shares and all other moneys derived from a lottery, including without limitation fees collected by the commission under this chapter;

(14)(A) "Major procurement contract" means a gaming product or service costing more than seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), including without limitation:

(i) A major advertising contract;

(ii) An annuity contract;

(iii) A prize payment agreement;

(iv) A consulting service;

(v) Lottery equipment;

(vi) Tickets; and

(vii) Any other product and service unique to lotteries.

(B) "Major procurement contract" does not include a material, supply, equipment, or service common to the ordinary operations of the Arkansas Lottery Commission.

(C) If the commission executes a contract in which the cost of the contract is calculated on a contingent basis, the commission shall estimate the value of the contract to determine if it is a major procurement contract;

(15) "Member of a minority" means an individual who is a member of a race that comprises less than fifty percent (50%) of the total population of the state;

(16) "Minority-owned business" means a business that is owned by:

(A) An individual who is a member of a minority who reports as his or her personal income for Arkansas income tax purposes the income of the business;

(B) A partnership in which a majority of the ownership interest is owned by one (1) or more members of a minority who report as their personal income for Arkansas income tax purposes more than fifty percent (50%) of the income of the partnership; or

(C) A corporation organized under the laws of this state in which a majority of the common stock is owned by one (1) or more members of a minority who report as their personal income for Arkansas income tax purposes more than fifty percent (50%) of the distributed earnings of the corporation;

(17) "Net proceeds" means lottery proceeds less operating expenses;

(18) "Nonlottery state educational resources" means the same as defined in § 6-85-204;

(19) "Operating expenses" means all costs of doing business,

including without limitation:

(A) Prizes, commissions, and other compensation paid to retailers;

(B) Contracts for products or services necessary for the operation of the lottery, including without limitation the execution of major procurement contracts;

(C) Advertising and marketing costs;

(D) Personnel costs;

(E) Capital costs or depreciation of property and equipment;

(F) Funds for compulsive gambling education and treatment;

(G) The payment of sums to the Arkansas State Claims Commission for the reconciliation of valid claims against the Arkansas Lottery Commission;

(H) Payments for the cost of a state and federal criminal background check;

(I) Payments to the Department of Higher Education to:

(i) Reimburse the Department of Higher Education for the costs of administering scholarship awards funded with net proceeds; and

(ii) Replenish nonlottery state educational resources expended by the Department of Higher Education on scholarship awards otherwise funded with net proceeds;

(J) Amounts annually transferred to a fidelity fund under § 23-115-603; and

(K) Amounts paid to governmental entities for goods or services provided to the Arkansas Lottery Commission, including without limitation services provided by the Division of Legislative Audit;

(20) "Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, unincorporated association, or other legal entity;

(21)(A) "Public official" means a member of the General Assembly or an elected constitutional officer.

(B) "Public official" includes an individual during the time between the date he or she is elected and the date he or she takes office;

(22) "Retailer" means a person who sells tickets or shares on behalf of the Arkansas Lottery Commission under a license;

(23) "Share" means any intangible evidence of participation in a lottery;

(24) "Ticket" means any tangible evidence issued by a lottery to provide participation in a lottery;

(25)(A) "Vendor" means a person who provides or proposes to provide goods or services to the Arkansas Lottery Commission under a major procurement contract.

(B) "Vendor" does not include:

(i) An employee of the Arkansas Lottery Commission;

(ii) A retailer; or

(iii) A state agency or instrumentality.

(C) "Vendor" includes a corporation whose stock is publicly traded and that is the parent company of the contracting party in a major procurement contract; and

(26) "Video lottery" means a lottery game that allows a game to be played using an electronic computer and an interactive computer terminal device:

(A) That is equipped with a video screen and keys and a keyboard or other equipment allowing input by an individual player;

(B) Into which the player inserts coins, currency, vouchers, or tokens as consideration in order for play to be available; and

(C) Through which the player may receive free games, coins, tokens, or credits that may be redeemed for cash, annuitized payments over time, a noncash prize, or nothing, as may be determined wholly or predominantly by chance.

SUBCHAPTER 2

ARKANSAS LOTTERY COMMISSION

23-115-201. Arkansas Lottery Commission – Creation – Venue.

(a) There is created the Arkansas Lottery Commission to establish and oversee the operation of one (1) or more lotteries under this chapter.

(b) The commission is a self-supporting and revenue-raising agency of the state.

(c) The commission shall reimburse other governmental entities that provide goods or services to the commission.

23-115-202. Members – Duties.

(a)(1) The Arkansas Lottery Commission consists of the following members:

(A) Three (3) members appointed by the Governor;

(B) Three (3) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(C) Three (3) members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

(2) The members of the commission shall elect annually:

(A) A chair; and

(B) Other officers necessary to carry on its business.

(b)(1) Of the initial appointees to the commission by the Governor:

(A) One (1) member shall serve a term of two (2) years;

(B) One (1) member shall serve a term of four (4) years; and

(C) One (1) member shall serve a term of six (6) years.

(2) Of the initial appointees to the commission by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate:

(A) One (1) member shall serve a term of two (2) years;

(B) One (1) member shall serve a term of four (4) years; and

(C) One (1) member shall serve a term of six (6) years.

(3) Of the initial appointees to the commission by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

(A) One (1) member shall serve a term of two (2) years;

(B) One (1) member shall serve a term of four (4) years; and

(C) One (1) member shall serve a term of six (6) years.

(4) All succeeding appointments to the commission shall be for terms of six (6) years.

(5) The appointing authorities shall determine the length of terms of the initial members of the commission.

(6) A member of the commission shall not serve more than two (2) terms.

(c) A vacancy on the commission shall be filled by the appointing authority for the unexpired portion of the term in which it occurs.

(d)(1) The commission shall meet at least quarterly upon the call of the chair.

(2) A majority of the total membership of the commission constitutes a quorum.

(e) The following shall not be appointed as a member of the commission:

(1) A member of the General Assembly; or

(2) A member of the immediate family of a member of the General Assembly.

(f) Members of the commission may receive expense reimbursement under § 25-16-901 et seq.

23-115-203. Qualifications of commission members.

(a)(1) In making appointments to the Arkansas Lottery Commission, the appointing authorities under § 23-115-202 shall consider racial, gender, and geographical diversity among the membership as well as legal, financial, or marketing experience.

(2) Individuals appointed to the commission shall be residents of the

State of Arkansas.

(b)(1) An individual considered for appointment to the commission shall apply to the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police for a state and federal criminal background check, to be conducted by the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(2) The state and federal criminal background check shall conform to the applicable federal standards and shall include the taking of fingerprints.

(3) The applicant shall sign a consent to the release of information for the state and federal criminal background check.

(4) The commission shall be responsible for the payment of any fee associated with the state and federal criminal background check.

(5) Upon completion of the state and federal criminal background check, the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police shall forward to the appointing authority all releasable information obtained concerning the applicant.

(c) An individual shall not be appointed as a commission member if the individual has:

(1) Been convicted of a felony or a gambling offense in a state or federal court of the United States;

(2) Been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude; or

(3) Entered into a plea agreement to avoid felony prosecution.

(d) Each member of the commission, before entering upon the discharge of the duties of a commissioner, shall file with the Secretary of State the constitutional oath of office.

(e) Upon the end of his or her term, a former member of the commission shall not:

(1) Represent a vendor or retailer before the commission for a period of two (2) years after the end of the former member's term; or

(2) Engage in lobbying on any matter related to the operation or conduct of lotteries under this chapter for a period of two (2) years after the end of the former member's term.

23-115-204. Lottery Retailer Advisory Board.

(a)(1) The Chair of the Arkansas Lottery Commission, subject to the approval of a majority of a quorum of the Arkansas Lottery Commission, shall appoint a Lottery Retailer Advisory Board to be composed of ten (10) retailers.

(2) In making appointments to the board, the chair may consider a broad spectrum of geographical, racial, gender, and business characteristics of retailers.

(3) The board shall advise the commission on retail aspects of lotteries and present the concerns of retailers throughout the state.

(b)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2) of this section, each member appointed to the board shall serve a term of two (2) years.

(2)(A) Five (5) of the initial appointees shall serve initial terms of one (1) year.

(B) The initial appointees shall draw lots to determine which five (5) members shall serve a one-year term.

(3) A member of the board shall not serve more than six (6) terms.

(c)(1) The board shall provide by rule for its operating procedures.

(2) Members shall serve without compensation or reimbursement of expenses.

(3) The board may report to the commission and the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee in writing at any time.

(4) The commission may invite the board to make an oral presentation to the commission at any meeting of the commission.

(d) The following shall not be appointed as a member of the board:

(1) A member of the immediate family of a member of the commission;

(2) A member of the immediate family of the director of the commission; or

(3) A member of the immediate family of an employee of the commission.

23-115-205. Commission powers.

(a) The Arkansas Lottery Commission has all powers necessary or convenient to its usefulness in carrying out this chapter that are not in conflict with the Arkansas Constitution or the United States Constitution, including without limitation the following powers:

(1) To adopt and alter a seal;

(2) To adopt, amend, and repeal rules for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business, to prescribe the duties of officers and employees of the commission, and to perform other matters as the commission determines;

(3) To bring suits to enforce demands of the state under this chapter;

(4) To procure or to provide insurance;

(5) To hold copyrights, trademarks, and service marks and enforce the commission's rights with respect to those copyrights, trademarks, and service marks;

(6) To initiate, supervise, and administer the operation of lotteries in accordance with this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter;

(7) To enter into written agreements with one (1) or more other states or sovereigns for the operation, participation in marketing, and promotion of multistate or multisovereign games;

(8) To conduct market research as necessary or appropriate;

(9) To acquire or lease real property and make improvements to the real property and acquire by lease or by purchase personal property, including without limitation:

(A) Computers;

(B) Mechanical, electronic, and online equipment and terminals;

(C) Intangible property, including without limitation computer programs, computer systems, and computer software; and

(D) Broadcast equipment;

(10) To administer oaths, take depositions, issue subpoenas, and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, documents, and other evidence relative to any investigation or proceeding conducted by the commission;

(11) To employ:

(A) The Director of the Arkansas Lottery Commission; and

(B) An internal auditor;

(12) To select and contract with vendors;

(13) To select and license retailers;

(14) To enter into contracts or agreements with state or local law enforcement agencies for the performance of law enforcement, background investigations, and security checks;

(15) To conduct background investigations and, if considered necessary by the commission, credit investigations on each potential vendor and retailer;

(16) To supervise ticket or share validation and lottery drawings;

(17) To inspect at times determined solely by the commission the facilities of a vendor or a retailer to determine:

(A) The integrity of the vendor's product or the operations of the retailer; and

(B) Whether the vendor or the retailer is in compliance with its contract or license;

(18) To report any suspected violation of this chapter to the appropriate prosecuting attorney or the Attorney General and to any law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction over the violation;

(19) Upon request, to provide assistance to the Chief Fiscal Officer of

the State, the Legislative Auditor, the appropriate prosecuting attorney, the Attorney General, or a law enforcement agency investigating a violation of this chapter;

(20) To enter into contracts of terms and conditions that the commission determines;

(21) To establish and maintain banking relationships associated with the maintenance and investment of lottery proceeds, including without limitation the establishment of checking and savings accounts and trust funds;

(22)(A) To advertise and promote lotteries and scholarships and grants funded by net proceeds.

(B) The commission shall seek the advice of the Department of Higher Education when advertising to promote scholarships and grants funded by net proceeds;

(23) To approve, disapprove, amend, or modify the budget recommended by the director for the operation of the commission;

(24) To act as a retailer and to establish and operate a sales facility to conduct promotions that involve the sale of tickets or shares and any related merchandise;

(25)(A) To contract with one (1) or more independent testing laboratories to scientifically test and technically evaluate lottery games, lottery terminals, and lottery operating systems.

(B) An independent testing laboratory shall:

(i) Have a national reputation that is demonstrably competent; and

(ii) Be qualified to scientifically test and evaluate all components of a lottery game, lottery terminal, or lottery operating system.

(C) An independent testing laboratory shall not be owned or controlled by a vendor or a retailer; and

(26) To adopt and amend rules necessary to carry out and implement its powers and duties, organize and operate the commission, regulate the conduct of lotteries in general, and any other matters necessary or desirable for the efficient and effective operation of lotteries for the convenience of the public.

(b) The powers enumerated in subsection (a) of this section:

(1) Are in addition to those powers of the commission enumerated elsewhere in this chapter; and

(2) Do not limit or restrict any other powers of the commission.

(c) The commission may delegate to one (1) or more of its members, to the director, or to any agent or employee of the commission powers and duties as it deems proper.

23-115-206. Internal controls – Annual audit.

(a) To ensure the financial integrity of lotteries, the Arkansas Lottery Commission shall:

(1) Establish and maintain effective internal controls over financial reporting, including the monitoring of ongoing activities, and comply with the Arkansas Constitution and applicable laws, rules, contracts, agreements, and grants;

(2) Establish and maintain effective internal controls to prevent and detect fraud, including without limitation a system of internal audits;

(3) Include in any contract or license with a vendor or retailer for data processing services or other computer services a provision permitting the Division of Legislative Audit to have access and authority to audit the computer systems of the vendor or retailer;

(4) Notify the division of all known fraud or suspected fraud or all known or suspected illegal acts involving management or other employees of the commission or others with whom the commission contracts;

(5) Inform the division and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of any known material violations of the Arkansas Constitution, applicable statutes, rules, contracts, agreements, or grants;

(6) Prepare the financial statements, including the related notes to the financial statements, of the commission in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and in accordance with guidelines and timelines established by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to permit incorporation into the state's financial statements and to permit the audit of the state's financial statements and the commission's financial statements in a timely manner;

(7) Make all financial records and related information available to the division, including the identification of significant vendor relationships in which the vendor has the responsibility for program compliance, in accordance with §§ 10-4-416 and 10-4-424;

(8)(A) Submit monthly and annual reports to the Governor and the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee disclosing the total lottery revenues, prize disbursements, operating expenses, net assets, and administrative expenses of the commission during the reporting period.

(B)(i) The initial annual report shall describe the organizational structure of the commission and summarize the functions performed by each organizational division within the commission.

(ii) Future annual reports shall describe any revisions to the organizational structure since the filing of the previous annual report;

(9) Maintain weekly or more frequent records of lottery transactions, including without limitation:

- (A) The distribution of tickets or shares to retailers;
- (B) Revenues received;
- (C) Claims for lottery prizes;
- (D) Lottery prizes paid;
- (E) Lottery prizes forfeited; and
- (F) Other financial transactions of the commission;

(10)(A) Submit to the Cochairs of the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee by April 30 of each year a copy of the annual operating budget for the commission for the next fiscal year.

(B) The proposed operating budget shall be accompanied by:

(i) An estimate of the net proceeds to be available for scholarships and grants during the succeeding fiscal year; and

(ii) The following information for each employment classification:

(a) The total number of persons currently employed;

(b) The number of white male employees;

(c) The number of white female employees;

(d) The total number of Caucasian employees;

(e) The number of black male employees;

(f) The number of black female employees;

(g) The number of other employees who are members of racial minorities; and

(h) The total number of minorities currently employed; and

(11) Adopt the same fiscal year as that used by state government.

(b)(1)(A) The division shall annually audit the commission.

(B) The division may conduct an investigation or audit or prepare special reports regarding the commission or related entities, scholarships, grants, vendors, retailers, or any other transactions or relationships connected or associated with the commission or its operations, duties, or functions upon the approval of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

(2) The commission shall reimburse the division at an hourly rate set by the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee for work performed by the division relating to any audit, investigation, or special report regarding the commission and related entities, scholarships, grants, vendors, retailers, or other related matters.

(3)(A) If the commission, the General Assembly, the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee, or the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee requests additional audits or performance reviews of the fiscal affairs or operations of the commission to be conducted by a private certified public accountant or other consultant, the division shall select and contract with appropriate certified public accountants or consultants to provide the services.

(B) The division shall contract for the services which shall be paid directly to the contractor by the commission.

(C) A copy of any report or management correspondence prepared by the certified public accountants or consultants shall be forwarded to the commission, the division, and the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee.

(4) This chapter does not limit the statutory authority of the division or the responsibilities of the commission or related entities, board members, employees, vendors, retailers, or any other individuals or entities to cooperate with the division or provide information or records requested by the division.

23-115-207. Rulemaking.

(a) The Arkansas Lottery Commission may adopt rules regulating the conduct of lotteries in general, including without limitation rules specifying:

(1) The types of lotteries to be conducted;

(2)(A) The sale price of tickets or shares and the manner and method of sale.

(B)(i) All sales of tickets or shares are for cash only.

(ii) Payment by checks, credit cards, charge cards, or any form of deferred payment is prohibited;

(3) The number and amount of prizes;

(4) The method and location of selecting or validating winning tickets or shares;

(5) The manner and time of payment of prizes, including without limitation lump-sum payments or installments over a period of years;

(6)(A) The manner of payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares.

(B) Winners of five hundred dollars (\$500) or less may claim prizes from any of the following:

(i) A retailer; or

(ii) The commission.

(C)(i) Winners of more than five hundred dollars (\$500) shall

claim prizes from the commission.

(ii) The commission may establish claim centers throughout the state as it deems necessary;

(7) The frequency of lotteries and drawings or selection of winning tickets or shares;

(8) The means of conducting drawings;

(9)(A) The method to be used in selling tickets or shares.

(B) The selling of tickets or shares may include the use of electronic or mechanical devices.

(C) If the commission elects to use electronic or mechanical devices to sell tickets or shares, the commission shall provide by rule:

(i) Specifications and required features for electronic or mechanical devices that may be used to sell tickets or shares; and

(ii) Procedures and requirements to prevent the use of electronic or mechanical devices by an individual under eighteen (18) years of age.

(D) A retailer who knowingly allows a person under eighteen (18) years of age to purchase a lottery ticket from an electronic or mechanical device is subject to the penalties under § 23-115-901;

(10) The manner and amount of compensation to retailers; and

(11) Any other matters necessary, desirable, or convenient toward ensuring the efficient and effective operation of lotteries, the continued entertainment and convenience of the public, and the integrity of the lotteries.

(b) The commission may adopt rules requiring the publication on a ticket or share of the odds of winning a particular lottery game.

(c)(1)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(1)(B) of this section, the promulgation of rules under this chapter shall comply with the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

(B) The commission shall not be required to file rules under § 10-3-309.

(2)(A) The promulgation of rules by the commission shall be exempt from § 10-3-309.

(B) The commission shall file its rules with the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee for review at least thirty (30) days before the expiration of the public comment period.

23-115-208. Sovereign immunity.

(a) This chapter does not waive the sovereign immunity of the State of Arkansas.

(b)(1) A claim in contract or in tort against the Arkansas Lottery Commission or its employees shall be presented to the Arkansas Lottery Commission.

(2) The Arkansas Lottery Commission shall promulgate rules concerning the consideration of claims in contract or in tort presented to the Arkansas Lottery Commission, including without limitation rules concerning the conduct of hearings on claims in contract or in tort.

(c)(1) A claimant may appeal the decision of the commission under subsection (b) of this section to the Arkansas State Claims Commission.

(2) The claimant may:

(A) Within forty (40) days after the decision is rendered, file with the Arkansas State Claims Commission a notice of appeal of the decision of the Arkansas Lottery Commission;

(B) Within forty (40) days after the decision is rendered, file with the Arkansas Lottery Commission a motion for reconsideration requesting the Arkansas Lottery Commission to reconsider its decision; and

(C) Within twenty (20) days after Arkansas Lottery Commission's reconsideration or denial of the motion for reconsideration, file with the Arkansas State Claims Commission a notice of appeal of the decision of the Arkansas Lottery Commission.

(3) When the Arkansas Lottery Commission notifies parties of a decision of the Arkansas Lottery Commission, it shall advise the parties of the right of appeal.

(d)(1)(A) Except as provided in subdivisions (d)(2)-(4) of this section, appeals of claims in contract or in tort against the Arkansas Lottery Commission or its employees shall be conducted by the Arkansas State Claims Commission in the same manner as a claim under § 19-10-201 et seq.

(B) The Arkansas State Claims Commission shall consider an appeal de novo.

(2) A decision of the Arkansas State Claims Commission relating to a claim in contract or in tort against the Arkansas Lottery Commission or its employees shall not be appealed to the General Assembly.

(3)(A) A valid claim in any amount against the Arkansas Lottery Commission shall not be referred to the General Assembly for an appropriation.

(B) The Clerk of the State Claims Commission shall notify the Arkansas Lottery Commission of the amount of the valid claim.

(C) Upon receipt of notification from the clerk, the Arkansas Lottery Commission shall deliver a check to the clerk, who shall deposit the sum as a nonrevenue receipt into the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund from which he or she

shall disburse the amount of the claim to the claimant.

(4) Written reports under § 19-10-212 shall be filed with the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee.

23-115-209. Appealing administrative orders of the commission.

(a) A retailer, a vendor, or an applicant for a major procurement contract or a retailer license aggrieved by an administrative order of the Arkansas Lottery Commission may appeal that decision to Pulaski County Circuit Court.

(b) The court shall hear appeals from administrative orders of the commission, and based upon the record of the proceedings before the commission, may reverse the administrative order of the commission only if the person appealing the administrative order proves the administrative order to be:

- (1) Clearly erroneous;
- (2) Arbitrary and capricious;
- (3) Procured by fraud;
- (4) A result of substantial misconduct by the commission; or
- (5) Contrary to the United States Constitution, the Arkansas

Constitution, or this chapter.

(c) The circuit court may remand an appeal to the commission to conduct further hearings.

(d)(1) A person who appeals the award of a contract, including without limitation a major procurement contract, is liable for all costs of appeal and defense if the appeal is denied or the contract award upheld.

(2) If upon the motion of the commission the court finds the appeal to have been frivolous, the cost of appeal and defense shall include without limitation the following expenses of the commission resulting from institution of the appeal:

- (A) Court costs;
- (B) Bond;
- (C) Legal fees; and
- (D) Loss of income.

23-115-210. Removal of commission member.

(a)(1) A member of the Arkansas Lottery Commission may be removed by the appointing authority for:

- (A) Misconduct;
- (B) Incompetence; or
- (C) Any malfeasance in office.

(2) The appointing authority shall appoint a qualified individual to

replace the removed member of the commission to serve the remainder of his or her term.

(b) An order of removal of a commission member by the appointing authority shall:

(1) Be in writing;

(2) Be delivered to the removed commission member or counsel for the removed commission member; and

(3) Specifically set out the grounds relied upon for removal.

(c)(1) A removed commission member may institute proceedings for review by filing a petition in Pulaski County Circuit Court within thirty (30) days after delivery to him or her or his or her attorney of the appointing authority's order of removal.

(2) This petition shall not supersede or stay the order of removal, nor shall any court enter an order to this effect or one that would impair the authority of the appointing authority to appoint a commission member whose service begins immediately upon fulfillment of the normal requirements for assuming office.

(d)(1) When the matter is heard by the circuit court, it shall be tried de novo without a jury.

(2) The appointing authority shall have the burden of proof to show by clear and convincing evidence that cause under subdivision (a)(1) of this section existed for removal of the commission member.

(3)(A) If the circuit court determines that cause has been shown, it shall enter an order removing the commission member in question from office.

(B) If the circuit court determines that cause under subdivision (a)(1) of this section has not been shown by clear and convincing evidence, the circuit court shall order the removed commission member reinstated to his or her position and upon request shall award a reasonable attorney's fee and court costs to the reinstated party.

(e)(1) Subject to the restrictions of subsection (c) of this section on supersedeas or stay orders, a removed commission member may appeal the decision of the circuit court to the Supreme Court.

(2) The appointing authority may appeal the decision of the circuit court to the Supreme Court, but the appeal shall not preclude the circuit court, in its discretion, from entering an order reinstating the removed member.

(f) A commission action in which the appointed replacement commission member participates is not void, voidable, or in any way subject to invalidation on grounds of participation of the appointed replacement commission member or lack of participation by the removed commission member if the circuit court or the Supreme Court orders the removed commission member reinstated.

23-115-211. Certain sections inapplicable.

The following sections shall not apply the Arkansas Lottery Commission:

- (1) Section 19-1-211;
- (2) Section 19-1-301 et seq.;
- (3) Section 19-1-609;
- (4) Section 19-4-1802;
- (5) Section 19-5-206; and
- (6) Section 19-11-301 et seq.

SUBCHAPTER 3

EMPLOYEES OF ARKANSAS LOTTERY COMMISSION

23-115-301. Director – Appointment – Duties.

(a)(1)(A) The Arkansas Lottery Commission shall appoint the Director of the Arkansas Lottery Commission.

(B) The director is an employee of the commission and shall direct the day-to-day operations and management of the commission.

(2) The director is vested with powers and duties as specified by the commission and by law.

(3) The director serves at the pleasure of the commission.

(b)(1) An individual considered for appointment as director shall apply to the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police for a state and federal criminal background check to be conducted by the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(2) The state and federal criminal background check shall conform to the applicable federal standards and shall include the taking of fingerprints.

(3) The applicant shall sign a consent to the release of information for the state and federal criminal background check.

(4) The commission shall be responsible for the payment of any fee associated with the state and federal criminal background check.

(5) Upon completion of the state and federal criminal background check, the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police shall forward to the commission all releasable information obtained concerning the applicant.

(c) The commission shall not employ as director an individual who has:

(1) Been convicted of a felony or a gambling offense in a state or federal court of the United States;

- (2) Been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude; or
- (3) Entered into a plea agreement to avoid felony prosecution.

23-115-302. Duties of director.

(a) The Director of the Arkansas Lottery Commission shall direct and supervise all administrative and technical activities related to the operation of a lottery in accordance with this chapter and with rules adopted by the Arkansas Lottery Commission.

(b) The director shall:

(1) Facilitate the initiation and supervise and administer the operation of the lotteries;

(2) Direct personnel as deemed necessary;

(3) Employ and compensate persons and firms as deemed necessary;

(4) Appoint, select, and employ officers, agents, and employees, including professional and administrative staff and personnel and hearing officers, and fix their compensation and pay their expenses as authorized by Arkansas law;

(5) Promote or provide for the promotion of lotteries and any functions related to the operation of a lottery;

(6) Prepare a budget for the approval of the commission;

(7) Require bond from retailers and vendors in amounts as required by the commission;

(8) Report monthly to the commission and the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee a complete statement of lottery revenues and expenses for the preceding month and an accompanying statement of net assets; and

(9) Perform other duties generally associated with a director of a commission of an entrepreneurial nature.

(c) The director may for good cause suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any contract or license entered into in accordance with this chapter and the rules of the commission.

(d) The director or his or her designee may conduct hearings and administer oaths to persons to assure the security and integrity of lottery operations or to determine the qualifications of or compliance by vendors and retailers.

23-115-303. Employees – Background investigation.

(a) As required by Arkansas Constitution Article 16, § 4, the General Assembly shall fix the salaries of all employees of the Arkansas Lottery Commission, including without limitation the Director of the Arkansas Lottery Commission.

(b) A commission employee shall not have a financial interest in a vendor doing business or proposing to do business with the commission.

(c) A commission employee with decision-making authority shall not participate in a decision involving a retailer with whom the commission employee has a financial interest.

(d)(1) A commission employee who leaves the employment of the commission shall not:

(A) Represent a vendor or retailer before the commission for a period of two (2) years after leaving the employment of the commission; or

(B) Engage in lobbying on any matter related to the operation or conduct of a lottery for a period of two (2) years after leaving the employment of the commission.

(2)(A) Subdivision (d)(1) of this section is supplemental to § 19-11-701 et seq.

(B) If any provision of § 19-11-701 et seq. would impose a restriction on a specific employee greater than the restrictions under subdivision (d)(1) of this section, the provision of § 19-11-701 et seq. shall apply.

(e)(1) Each person considered for employment by the commission shall apply to the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police for a state and federal criminal background check to be conducted by the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(2) The state and federal criminal background check shall conform to the applicable federal standards and shall include the taking of fingerprints.

(3) The applicant shall sign a consent to the release of information for the state and federal criminal background check.

(4) The commission shall be responsible for the payment of any fee associated with the state and federal criminal background check.

(5) Upon completion of the state and federal criminal background check, the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police shall forward to the commission all releasable information obtained concerning the applicant.

(f) The commission shall not employ an individual who has:

(1) Been convicted of a felony or a gambling offense in a state or federal court of the United States;

(2) Been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude; or

(3) Entered into a plea agreement to avoid felony prosecution.

(g)(1) The commission shall bond a commission employee with access to

commission funds or lottery revenue in an amount as provided by the commission and may bond other commission employees as deemed necessary.

(2) Bonds under subdivision (g)(1) of this section shall be fidelity bonds in excess of the amount provided by the Governmental Bonding Board.

23-115-304. Commission employees – Participation in Arkansas Public Employees’ Retirement System.

(a) Employees of the Arkansas Lottery Commission shall be members of the Arkansas Public Employees’ Retirement System.

(b) A commission employee’s salary for retirement purposes shall be the amount determined by the commission as authorized by the General Assembly and shall not include any multipliers used to increase a person’s salary as authorized by the General Assembly.

23-115-305. Regular salaries.

There is hereby established for the Arkansas Lottery Commission the following regular employees, the grades to be assigned to the respective positions, and the maximum annual salaries for each such position. The maximum annual salary for the positions assigned to grades shall be determined in accordance with, but shall not exceed, the maximum annual amount for the grade assigned herein, as established in § 21-5-209. Except for the purpose of determining the maximum annual salary rate, which is to be applicable to each of the positions to which a salary grade is assigned hereinafter, in accordance with § 21-5-209, all positions set forth herein shall be exempt from other provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, § 21-5-201 et seq., or its successor, but shall not be exempt from the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act, § 21-5-101 et seq. or its successor.

<u>Item Class</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Maximum Annual</u>
<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Salary Rate</u>
<u>(01) LOTTERY CMSN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$141,603</u>
<u>(02) LOTTERY CMSN INTERNAL AUDITOR</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$141,603</u>
<u>(03) LOTTERY CMSN CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$126,050</u>
<u>(04) LOTTERY CMSN INFORMATION TECH DIR</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE N912</u>
<u>(05) LOTTERY CMSN ADMIN & OPERATIONS DIR</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE N912</u>
<u>(06) LOTTERY CMSN CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE N910</u>
<u>(07) LOTTERY CMSN CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE N910</u>

<u>(08)</u>	<u>LOTTERY CMSM MARKETING & PROD DEV DIR</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE N909</u>
<u>(09)</u>	<u>LOTTERY CMSN SALES/RETAIL RELATIONS DIR</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE N909</u>
<u>(10)</u>	<u>LOTTERY CMSN PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE N908</u>
<u>(11)</u>	<u>LOTTERY CMSN ADMIN ANALYST</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>GRADE C115</u>
<u>(12)</u>	<u>LOTTERY CMSN ADMIN SUPPORT SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>GRADE C113</u>
<u>(13)</u>	<u>LOTTERY CMSN ADMIN SUPPORT SPEC III</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>GRADE C112</u>

23-115-306. Special salary allowances.

(a) The Arkansas Lottery Commission, upon approval of the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee, may make special salary allowances authorized by this section in amounts as the commission may determine equitable in view of the exacting duties which are involved as a part of the salary of the:

- (1) Executive Director of the Arkansas Lottery Commission;
- (2) Internal auditor of the commission; and
- (3) Chief operating officer of the commission.

(b) An allowance under subsection (a) of this section shall not exceed an amount equal to two and one half (2 1/2) times the salary for the position authorized by the General Assembly.

23-115-307. Expansion pool.

(a) The Arkansas Lottery Commission is authorized an expansion pool of sixty (60) positions not to exceed the career service grade C130 and fifteen (15) positions not to exceed the professional and executive grade N922 to be used to establish additional positions of the proper title and salary if the commission does not have sufficient positions available to address growth needs.

(b) A position established under this section shall not exceed a salary rate in excess of the highest rate established by grade or by line item in this act.

(c) A position shall not be authorized from the expansion pool until the specific positions that are requested by the commission are reviewed by the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee.

(d) When seeking review of positions by the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee under this section, the commission shall provide an organizational chart indicating the current structure of the commission and its employees.

(e)(1) The requirement of review by the committee prior to authorizing positions from the expansion pool is not a severable part of this section.

(2) If the requirement of review by the committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this section is void.

SUBCHAPTER 4

OPERATION OF LOTTERY

23-115-401. Minority-owned and female-owned businesses.

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Arkansas Lottery Commission encourage participation by minority-owned businesses and female-owned businesses.

(b) The commission shall adopt a plan that encourages to the greatest extent possible a level of participation by minority-owned businesses and female-owned businesses taking into account the total number of all retailers and vendors, including any subcontractors.

(c) The commission shall provide training programs and other educational activities to encourage minority-owned businesses and female-owned businesses to compete for contracts on an equal basis.

(d) The commission shall employ procurement officials to assist prospective vendors and retailers with entering into and competing for contracts, including without limitation the development and implementation of the plans and programs under subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

(e) The commission shall monitor the results of minority-owned business and female-owned business participation and shall report the results of minority-owned business and female-owned business participation to the Governor and the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee on at least an annual basis.

23-115-402. Restriction on sales.

(a)(1) Unless authorized to do so in writing by the Director of the Arkansas Lottery Commission, a person shall not sell a ticket or share at a price other than established by the Arkansas Lottery Commission.

(2)(A) Only a retailer holding a valid certificate of authority from the commission shall sell a ticket.

(B) This subsection does not prevent an individual who may lawfully purchase tickets or shares from making a gift of tickets or shares to another individual.

(b) This chapter does not prohibit the commission from designating certain of its agents and employees to sell or give tickets or shares directly to the public.

(c) Subject to prior approval by the commission, retailers may give away tickets or shares as a means of promoting goods or services to customers or prospective customers.

(d) A retailer shall not sell a ticket or share except from the locations evidenced by the retailer's license issued by the commission unless the commission

authorizes in writing any temporary location not listed in the retailer's license.

(e)(1) Tickets or shares shall not be sold or given to individuals under eighteen (18) years of age.

(2) An individual under eighteen (18) years of age is not eligible to win a lottery prize.

(f) An individual is not eligible to win a lottery prize while the individual is incarcerated in:

(1) The Department of Correction;

(2) The Department of Community Correction; or

(3) A county or municipal jail or detention facility.

23-115-403. Attachments, garnishments, or executions withheld from lottery prizes – Validity of tickets or shares – Lottery prize restrictions – Unclaimed lottery prizes.

(a) Proceeds of a lottery prize are subject to Arkansas state income tax.

(b)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, attachments, garnishments, or executions authorized and issued under Arkansas law shall be withheld if timely served upon the Arkansas Lottery Commission.

(2) Subdivision (b)(1) of this section does not apply to a retailer.

(c) The commission shall adopt rules to establish a system of verifying the validity of tickets or shares claimed to win lottery prizes and to effect payment of lottery prizes, except that:

(1)(A) A lottery prize, any portion of a lottery prize, or any right of any individual to a lottery prize is not assignable.

(B) A lottery prize or any portion of a lottery prize remaining unpaid at the death of a lottery prize winner shall be paid to the estate of the deceased lottery prize winner or to the trustee of a trust established by the deceased lottery prize winner as settlor if:

(i) A copy of the trust document or instrument has been filed with the commission along with a notarized letter of direction from the settlor; and

(ii) No written notice of revocation has been received by the commission before the settlor's death.

(C) Following a settlor's death and before any payment to a successor trustee, the commission shall obtain from the trustee a written agreement to indemnify and hold the commission harmless with respect to any claims that may be asserted against the commission arising from payment to or through the trust.

(D) Under an appropriate judicial order, an individual shall be

paid the lottery prize to which a winner is entitled:

(2) A lottery prize shall not be paid arising from claimed tickets that are:

(A) Stolen, counterfeit, altered, fraudulent, unissued, produced or issued in error, unreadable, not received, or not recorded by the commission within applicable deadlines;

(B) Lacking in captions that conform and agree with the play symbols as appropriate to the particular lottery involved; or

(C) Not in compliance with rules and public or confidential validation and security tests of the commission appropriate to the particular lottery involved;

(3)(A) A particular lottery prize in any lottery shall not be paid more than one (1) time.

(B) If there is a determination that more than one (1) claimant is entitled to a particular lottery prize, the sole remedy of the claimants is the award to each of them of an equal share in the lottery prize;

(4)(A) Within one hundred eighty (180) days after the drawing in which a cash lottery prize has been won, a holder of a winning cash ticket or share from an Arkansas lottery or from a multistate or multisoovereign lottery shall claim the cash lottery prize.

(B)(i) In an Arkansas lottery in which a player may determine instantly if he or she has won or lost, a player who has won shall claim a cash lottery prize within ninety (90) days after the playing of the instant game.

(ii) In any multistate or multisovereign lottery in which a player may determine instantly if he or she has won or lost, a player who has won shall claim a cash lottery prize within one hundred eighty (180) days after the playing of the instant game.

(C) If a valid claim is not made for a cash lottery prize within the applicable period, the cash lottery prize constitutes an unclaimed lottery prize for purposes of this section.

(D) The commission at any time may alter the time periods under subdivisions (4)(A) and (B) of this section by rule; and

(5)(A) If practicable, an auditor chosen by the commission shall be present at a draw to determine the winners of a draw game to verify the accuracy of the results.

(B) The commission may select an auditor employed by the Division of Legislative Audit for the purposes of subdivision (c)(5) of this section.

(d)(1) A lottery prize shall not be paid upon a ticket or share purchased or

sold in violation of this chapter.

(2) A lottery prize described in subdivision (d)(1) of this section is an unclaimed lottery prize for purposes of this section.

(e) The commission is discharged of all liability upon payment of a lottery prize.

(f)(1) A ticket or share shall not be purchased by and a lottery prize shall not be paid to any:

(A) Member of the commission;

(B) Employee of the commission; or

(C) Member of the immediate family of a member of the commission or an employee of the commission.

(2) If an officer, employee, agent, or subcontractor of a vendor has access to confidential information that may compromise the integrity of a lottery, a ticket or share shall not be purchased by and a lottery prize shall not be paid to the:

(A) Officer, employee, agent, or subcontractor of the vendor; or

(B) Immediate family of the officer, employee, agent, or subcontractor of the vendor.

(g)(1) Unclaimed prize money is not net lottery proceeds.

(2)(A) An annual amount of at least two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) shall be directed to the Department of Health for the treatment of compulsive gambling disorder and educational programs related to compulsive gambling disorder.

(B) As part of its regulation of public health, the State Board of Health may promulgate rules to implement subdivision (g)(2)(A) of this section, including without limitation the creation of:

(i) Programs for the treatment of compulsive gambling disorder; and

(ii) Educational programs related to compulsive gambling disorder.

(3) Unclaimed lottery prize money remaining after the payment under subdivision (g)(2) of this section shall be:

(A) Added to the pool from which future lottery prizes are to be awarded; or

(B) Used for special lottery prize promotions.

23-115-404. Confidential information.

(a)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2) of this section, the Arkansas Lottery Commission shall comply with the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.

(2) The following records or information in the possession of the commission shall be treated as confidential and are exempt from public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.:

(A) Information pertaining to the security of lottery games and lottery operations, including without limitation:

(i) Security measures, systems, or procedures; and

(ii) Security reports; and

(B) Any records exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.

(b) The Division of Legislative Audit shall have full access to the records of the commission.

23-115-405. Intelligence sharing, reciprocal use, or restricted use agreements.

(a) The Arkansas Lottery Commission may enter into an intelligence sharing, reciprocal use, or restricted use agreement with the United States Government, law enforcement agencies, lottery regulation agencies, and gaming enforcement agencies of other jurisdictions that provide for and regulate the use of information provided and received under the agreement.

(b) Records, documents, and information in the possession of the commission received under subsection (a) of this section are exempt from the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq., and shall not be released without the permission of the person or agency providing the records, documents, and information.

23-115-406. Authority of local government.

(a)(1) The authority of local government concerning all matters relating to the operation of lotteries is preempted by this chapter.

(2) Local government shall not take any action, including without limitation the adoption of an ordinance, relating to the operation of lotteries.

(b) This section does not prohibit local government from requiring a retailer to obtain an occupational license for any business unrelated to the sale of tickets or shares.

23-115-407. Video lotteries prohibited.

A video lottery shall not be used as part of a lottery under this chapter.

23-115-408. Video lotteries prohibited.

This chapter does not permit the use of a video lottery for any purposes by any institution or facility governed by the:

(1) Arkansas Horse Racing Law, § 23-110-101 et seq.;

(2) Arkansas Greyhound Racing Law, § 23-111-101 et seq.; or

(3) Local Option Horse Racing and Greyhound Racing Electronic Games of Skill Act, 23-113-101 et seq.

SUBCHAPTER 5

VENDORS

23-115-501. Vendors – Requirements when submitting a bid, proposal, or offer – Major procurement contract.

(a) The Arkansas Lottery Commission shall investigate the financial responsibility, security, and integrity of a vendor who is a finalist in submitting a bid, proposal, or offer as part of a major procurement contract.

(b) At the time of submitting a bid, proposal, or offer to the commission, the commission shall require the following items:

(1) A disclosure of the vendor's name and address and, as applicable, the names and addresses of the following:

(A)(i) If the vendor is a corporation, the officers, directors, and each stockholder of more than a ten percent (10%) interest in the corporation.

(ii) However, in the case of owners of equity securities of a publicly traded corporation, only the names and addresses of those known to the corporation to own beneficially five percent (5%) or more of the securities need be disclosed;

(B) If the vendor is a trust, the trustee and all persons entitled to receive income or benefits from the trust;

(C) If the vendor is an association, the members, officers, and directors; and

(D) If the vendor is a partnership or joint venture, all of the general partners, limited partners, or joint venturers;

(2) A disclosure of all the states and jurisdictions in which the vendor does business and the nature of the business for each state or jurisdiction;

(3) A disclosure of all the states and jurisdictions in which the vendor has contracts to supply gaming goods or services, including without limitation lottery goods and services, and the nature of the goods or services involved for each state or jurisdiction;

(4)(A) A disclosure of all the states and jurisdictions in which the vendor has applied for, has sought renewal of, has received, has been denied, has pending, or has had revoked a lottery or gaming license of any kind or had fines or penalties assessed to the vendor's license, contract, or operation and the disposition of each instance in each state or jurisdiction.

(B) If any lottery or gaming license or contract has been revoked or has not been renewed or any lottery or gaming license or application has

been either denied or is pending and has remained pending for more than six (6) months, all of the facts and circumstances underlying the failure to receive a license shall be disclosed;

(5)(A) A disclosure of the details of any finding or plea, conviction, or adjudication of guilt in a state or federal court of the vendor for any felony or any other criminal offense other than a traffic violation committed by the persons identified under subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

(B)(i) The commission may request that any or all of the persons identified under subdivision (b)(1) of this section undergo a state and federal criminal background check.

(ii) If requested, a state and federal criminal background check shall be conducted in the manner under 23-115-601(e);

(6) A disclosure of the details of any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, or corporate or individual purchase or takeover of another corporation, including without limitation bonded indebtedness, and any pending litigation of the vendor;

(7) A disclosure of the vendor's most recent financial report, including any reports on internal control over financial reporting, and the most recent audit report of the vendor's operation as a service organization; and

(8) Additional disclosures and information that the commission may determine to be appropriate for the procurement involved.

(c) If any portion of a vendor's contract is subcontracted, the vendor shall disclose all of the information required by this section for the subcontractor as if the subcontractor were itself a vendor.

(d)(1) The commission shall not enter into a major procurement contract with a vendor that:

(A) Has not complied with the disclosure requirements described in subsection (b) of this section;

(B) Has been found guilty of a felony related to the security or integrity of a lottery in this or any other jurisdiction; or

(C) Has an ownership interest in an entity that has supplied lottery goods or services under contract to the commission regarding the request for proposals pertaining to those particular goods or services.

(2) The commission may terminate a major procurement contract with a vendor that does not comply with requirements for periodically updating disclosures during the tenure of the major procurement contract as may be specified in the major procurement contract.

(3) This section shall be construed broadly and liberally to achieve full

disclosure of all information necessary to allow for a full and complete evaluation by the commission of the competence, integrity, background, and character of vendors for major procurement contracts.

(e)(1) A vendor or an applicant for a major procurement contract shall not provide a gift to:

(A) The Director of the Arkansas Lottery Commission, a commission member, a commission employee, or a member of the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee; or

(B) A member of the immediate family of the director, a commission member, a commission employee, or a member of the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee.

(2) This subsection shall be enforced and penalties shall be assessed in the same manner as § 21-8-301 et seq.

(f)(1) A public official shall not knowingly own a financial interest in a vendor.

(2)(A) If a public official becomes aware that he or she owns a financial interest in a vendor, the public official shall divest the financial interest as soon as possible.

(B) A public official shall not divest the financial interest to a member of his or her immediate family.

23-115-502. Vendor – Performance bond or letter of credit.

(a)(1) At the execution of the major procurement contract with the Arkansas Lottery Commission, each vendor shall post a performance bond or letter of credit from a bank or credit provider acceptable to the commission in an amount as deemed necessary by the commission for that particular bid or major procurement contract.

(2) In lieu of the bond, to assure the faithful performance of its obligations, a vendor may deposit and maintain with the commission securities that are:

(A) Interest bearing or accruing; and

(B) Rated in one (1) of the three (3) highest classifications by an established, nationally recognized investment rating service.

(2) Securities eligible under this section are limited to:

(A) Certificates of deposit in an amount fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation issued by solvent banks or savings associations, if the solvent banks or savings associations are:

(i) Approved by the commission; and

(ii) Organized and existing under the laws of this state or under the laws of the United States;

(B) United States Government bonds, notes, and bills for which the full faith and credit of the United States Government is pledged for the payment of principal and interest;

(C) Federal agency securities by an agency or instrumentality of the United States Government; and

(D)(i) Corporate bonds approved by the commission.

(ii) The entity that issued the bonds shall not be an affiliate or subsidiary of the depositor.

(3) The securities shall be held in trust and shall have at all times a market value at least equal to the full amount estimated to be paid annually to the vendor under contract.

(b)(1) Each vendor shall be qualified to do business in this state and shall file appropriate tax returns as provided by the laws of this state.

(2) All major procurement contracts under this section shall be governed by the laws of this state except as provided in this chapter.

23-115-503. Cancellation, suspension, revocation, or termination of major procurement contract.

(a) A major procurement contract executed by the Arkansas Lottery Commission under this chapter shall specify the reasons for which the major procurement contract may be canceled, suspended, revoked, or terminated by the commission. The reasons shall include without limitation:

(1) Commission of a violation of this chapter or a rule of the commission;

(2) Commission of any fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation;

(3) Conduct prejudicial to public confidence in a lottery;

(4) The vendor's filing for or being placed in bankruptcy or receivership; or

(5) Any material change as determined in the sole discretion of the commission in any matter considered by the commission in executing the major procurement contract with the vendor.

(b)(1) If upon approval of the commission the Director of the Arkansas Lottery Commission or his or her designee determines that cancellation, denial, revocation, suspension, or rejection of renewal of a major procurement contract is in the best interest of lotteries, the public welfare, or the State of Arkansas, the director or his or her designee may cancel, suspend, revoke, or terminate, after notice and a right to a hearing, a major procurement contract issued under this chapter.

(2) The major procurement contract may be temporarily suspended by the director or his or her designee without commission approval or prior notice

pending a hearing.

(3) A major procurement contract may be suspended, revoked, or terminated by the director or his or her designee for any one (1) or more of the reasons enumerated in this section.

(c) Hearings under this section shall be held in accordance with the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

23-115-504. Political contributions by vendors.

(a) The General Assembly finds:

(1) That the integrity of the Arkansas Lottery Commission and lotteries is of utmost importance; and

(2) That the people of the State of Arkansas should have confidence and be assured that public officials are free of any untoward political influence by vendors.

(b) A vendor or an officer, employee, agent, or subcontractor of a vendor shall not make a political contribution to a public official or a candidate for election as a public official.

SUBCHAPTER 6

RETAILERS

23-115-601. Retailers.

(a) The General Assembly recognizes that to conduct a successful lottery, the Arkansas Lottery Commission must develop and maintain a statewide network of retailers that will serve the public convenience and promote the sale of tickets or shares and the playing of lotteries while ensuring the integrity of lottery operations, games, and activities.

(b) The commission shall make every effort to provide small retailers a chance to participate in the sales of tickets or shares.

(c) The commission shall provide for compensation to retailers in the form of commissions in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of gross sales of tickets and shares and may provide for other forms of compensation for services rendered in the sale or cashing of tickets or shares.

(d)(1) For purposes of display, the commission shall issue a license to each person that it licenses as a retailer.

(2)(A) Every retailer shall post and keep conspicuously displayed in a location on the premises accessible to the public its license.

(B) A license is not assignable or transferable.

(e)(1) A person considered as a retailer shall apply to the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police for a state and federal criminal background check, to be conducted by the Identification Bureau of the Department

of Arkansas State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(2) The state and federal criminal background check shall conform to the applicable federal standards and shall include the taking of fingerprints.

(3) The applicant shall sign a consent to the release of information for the state and federal criminal background check.

(4) The commission shall be responsible for the payment of any fee associated with the state and federal criminal background check.

(5) Upon completion of the state and federal criminal background check, the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police shall forward to the commission all releasable information obtained concerning the applicant.

(f)(1) The commission shall develop a list of objective criteria upon which the qualification of retailers shall be based.

(2) The commission shall develop separate criteria to govern the selection of retailers of instant tickets.

(3) In developing the criteria, the commission shall consider certain factors, including without limitation:

(A) The applicant's financial responsibility;

(B) Security of the applicant's place of business or activity;

(C) Accessibility to the public;

(D) The applicant's integrity; and

(E) The applicant's reputation.

(4) The commission shall not consider political affiliation, activities, or monetary contributions to political organizations or candidates for any public office.

(5) The criteria shall include without limitation the following:

(A)(i) The applicant shall be current in filing all applicable tax returns to the State of Arkansas and in payment of all taxes, interest, and penalties owed to the State of Arkansas, excluding items under formal appeal under applicable statutes.

(ii) The Department of Finance and Administration shall provide to the commission the information required under subdivision (f)(5)(A)(i) of this section;

(B) The commission shall not select as a retailer any person who:

(i) Has been convicted of a criminal offense related to the security or integrity of a lottery in this or any other jurisdiction;

(ii)(a) Has been convicted of any illegal gambling activity, false statements, false swearing, or perjury in this or any other jurisdiction or

convicted of any crime punishable by more than one (1) year of imprisonment or a fine of more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.

(b) Subdivision (f)(5)(B)(ii)(a) of this section shall not apply if the person's civil rights have been restored and at least five (5) years have elapsed from the date of the completion of the sentence without a subsequent conviction of a crime described in subdivision (f)(5)(B)(ii)(a) of this section;

(iii) Has been found to have violated this chapter or any rule, policy, or procedure of the commission unless:

(a) Ten (10) years have passed since the violation; or

(b) The commission finds the violation both minor and unintentional in nature;

(iv) Is a vendor or an employee or agent of a vendor doing business with the commission;

(v) Is a member of the immediate family of a member of the commission;

(vi) Has made a statement of material fact to the commission knowing the statement to be false; or

(vii)(a) Is engaged exclusively in the business of selling tickets or shares.

(b) Subdivision (f)(5)(B)(vii)(a) of this section does not preclude the commission from selling or giving away tickets or shares for promotional purposes;

(C)(i) A person applying to become a retailer shall be charged a uniform application fee determined by rule for each lottery outlet.

(ii) The application fee shall take into account the cost of a state and federal criminal background check under subsection (e) of this section; and

(D) All retailer licenses may be renewable annually in the discretion of the commission unless canceled or terminated by the commission.

(g)(1) A retailer or an applicant to be a retailer shall not provide a gift to:

(A) The Director of the Arkansas Lottery Commission, a commission member, or a commission employee; or

(B) A member of the immediate family of the director, a commission member, or a commission employee.

(2) This subsection shall be enforced and penalties shall be assessed in the same manner as § 21-8-301 et seq.

23-115-602. Retailer license.

(a) A retailer license is not transferable or assignable.

(b) A retailer shall not contract with any person for lottery goods or services except with the approval of the Arkansas Lottery Commission.

(c) Tickets and shares shall be sold only by the retailer stated on the retailer's license issued by the commission under this chapter.

23-115-603. Fidelity fund – Retailer fee – Reserve account to cover losses – Retailer bond.

(a)(1) The Arkansas Lottery Commission shall establish a fidelity fund separate from all other funds and shall assess each retailer an annual fee not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) per sales location to be deposited into the fidelity fund.

(2) Moneys deposited into the fidelity fund may be:

(A) Invested or deposited into one (1) or more interest-bearing accounts;

(B) Used to cover losses the commission experiences due to nonfeasance, misfeasance, or malfeasance of a retailer; and

(C) Used to purchase blanket bonds covering the commission against losses from all retailers.

(3) At the end of each fiscal year, the commission shall pay to the trust account managed and maintained by the Department of Higher Education any amount in the fidelity fund that exceeds five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), and the funds shall be considered net proceeds from a lottery.

(b)(1) A reserve account may be established as a general operating expense to cover amounts deemed uncollectable.

(2) The commission shall establish procedures for minimizing any losses that may be deemed uncollectable and shall exercise and exhaust all available options in those procedures before writing off amounts to this account.

(c)(1) The commission shall require a retailer to post an appropriate bond, as determined by the commission, using an insurance company acceptable to the commission.

(2) If applicable, the amount of the bond shall not exceed the district sales average of tickets for two (2) billing periods.

(d)(1) In its discretion, the commission may allow a retailer to deposit and maintain with the commission securities that are interest-bearing or accruing.

(2) Securities eligible under this subsection are limited to:

(A) Certificates of deposit in an amount fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation issued by solvent banks or savings associations organized and existing under the laws of this state or under the laws of

the United States;

(B) United States Government bonds, notes, and bills for which the full faith and credit of the United States Government is pledged for the payment of principal and interest; or

(C) Federal agency securities by an agency or instrumentality of the United States Government.

(3) The securities shall be held in trust in the name of the commission. 23-115-604. Cancellation, suspension, revocation, or termination of retailer license.

(a) A retailer license executed by the Arkansas Lottery Commission under this chapter shall specify the reasons for which the retailer license may be canceled, suspended, revoked, or terminated by the commission. The reasons shall include without limitation:

(1) Commission of a violation of this chapter or a rule of the commission;

(2) Failure to accurately or timely account for tickets, lottery games, revenues, or prizes as required by the commission;

(3) Commission of any fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation;

(4) Insufficient sales;

(5) Conduct prejudicial to public confidence in a lottery;

(6) The retailer's filing for or being placed in bankruptcy or receivership;

(7) Any material change as determined in the sole discretion of the commission in any matter considered by the commission in executing the license with the retailer; or

(8) Failure to meet any of the objective criteria established by the commission under this chapter.

(b)(1) If upon approval of the commission the Director of the Arkansas Lottery Commission or his or her designee determines that cancellation, denial, revocation, suspension, or rejection of renewal of a retailer license is in the best interest of lotteries, the public welfare, or the State of Arkansas, the director or his or her designee may cancel, suspend, revoke, or terminate, after notice and a right to a hearing, a retailer license issued under this chapter.

(2)(A) The retailer license may be temporarily suspended by the director or his or her designee without commission approval or prior notice pending a hearing.

(3) A retailer license may be suspended, revoked, or terminated by the director or his or her designee for any one (1) or more of the reasons enumerated in

subsection (a) of this section.

(4) Hearings under subsection (b) of this section shall be held in accordance with the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

23-115-605. Retailers – Fiduciary duty – Protection against loss.

(a)(1) All proceeds from the sale of tickets or shares constitute a trust fund until paid to the Arkansas Lottery Commission either directly or through the commission's authorized collection representative.

(2) A retailer and officers of a retailer's business have a fiduciary duty to preserve and account for retail lottery proceeds, and retailers are personally liable for all lottery proceeds.

(3) For the purpose of this section, lottery proceeds include without limitation:

- (A) Unsold instant tickets received by a retailer;
- (B) Cash proceeds of the sale of any lottery products;
- (C) Net of allowable sales commissions; and
- (D) Credit for lottery prizes paid to winners by retailers.

(4) Sales proceeds and unused instant tickets shall be delivered to the commission or its authorized collection representative upon demand.

(b)(1) The commission shall require retailers to place all lottery proceeds due the commission in accounts in institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation not later than the close of the next banking day after the date of their collection by the retailer until the date they are paid to the commission.

(2) At the time of the deposit, lottery proceeds shall be deemed to be the property of the commission.

(3) The commission may require a retailer to establish a single separate electronic funds transfer account when available for the purpose of:

- (A) Receiving moneys from ticket or share sales;
- (B) Making payments to the commission; and
- (C) Receiving payments for the commission.

(4) Unless authorized in writing by the commission, each retailer shall establish a separate bank account for lottery proceeds that shall be kept separate and apart from all other funds and assets and shall not be commingled with any other funds or assets.

(c) When an individual who receives proceeds from the sale of tickets or shares in the capacity of a retailer becomes insolvent or dies insolvent, the proceeds due the commission from the individual or his or her estate have preference over all debts or demands.

(d) If the commission determines that a retailer failed to comply with

subsection (b) of this section three (3) times within any consecutive twenty-four-month period, the commission may refer the retailer to the Department of Finance and Administration with a recommendation that the department pursue business closure against the retailer as a noncompliant taxpayer as provided in § 26-18-1001 et seq.

23-115-606. Retailer – Rental payments based on percentage of retail sales.

If a retailer's rental payments for the business premises are contractually computed, in whole or in part, on the basis of a percentage of retail sales and the computation of retail sales is not explicitly defined to include sales of tickets or shares, only the compensation received by the retailer from the Arkansas Lottery Commission may be considered the amount of the lottery retail sale for purposes of computing the rental payment.

SUBCHAPTER 7

PROCUREMENTS

23-115-701. Procurements – Major procurement contracts – Competitive bidding.

(a)(1) The Arkansas Lottery Commission may purchase, lease, or lease-purchase goods or services as necessary for effectuating the purposes of this chapter.

(2) The commission may make procurements that integrate functions, including without limitation:

(A) Lottery design;

(B) Ticket distribution to retailers;

(C) Supply of goods and services; and

(D) Advertising.

(3) In all procurement decisions, the commission shall:

(A) Take into account the particularly sensitive nature of lotteries; and

(B) Act to promote and ensure:

(i) Security, honesty, fairness, and integrity in the operation and administration of lotteries; and

(ii) The objectives of raising net proceeds for the benefit of scholarships and grants.

(b) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, the commission shall comply with the Arkansas Procurement Law, § 19-11-201 et seq.

(c)(1) The commission shall adopt rules concerning the procurement process for major procurement contracts.

(2) The commission shall arrange for the solicitation and receipt of

competitive bids for major procurement contracts.

(3) The commission is not required to accept the lowest responsible bid for major procurement contracts but shall select a bid that provides the greatest long-term benefit to the state, the greatest integrity for the commission, and the best service and products for the public.

(d) In any bidding process, the commission may administer its own bidding and procurement or may utilize the services of the Department of Finance and Administration.

(e)(1) Each proposed major procurement contract shall be filed with the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee for review before the execution date of the major procurement contract.

(2) The committee shall provide the commission with its review as to the propriety of the major procurement contract within thirty (30) days after receipt of the proposed major procurement contract.

SUBCHAPTER 8

LOTTERY PROCEEDS

23-115-801. Lottery proceeds.

(a)(1) All lottery proceeds are the property of the Arkansas Lottery Commission.

(2)(A) The commission shall pay its operating expenses from its lottery proceeds.

(B)(i) An amount of lottery proceeds determined by the commission to maximize net proceeds shall be made available as prize money.

(ii)(a) Subdivision (a)(2)(B)(i) of this section does not create any lien, entitlement, cause of action, or other private right.

(b) In setting the terms of a lottery, the commission shall determine any rights of holders of tickets or shares.

(3) The percentage of lottery proceeds determined by the commission to be net proceeds shall equal an amount determined by the commission to maximize net proceeds.

(b)(1) On or before the fifteenth day of each month, the commission shall deposit the net proceeds from the lottery into one (1) or more trust accounts at one (1) or more financial institutions.

(2) The commission shall follow the investment policy guidelines of the State Board of Finance in selecting a financial institution and managing the net proceeds from the lottery deposited into a trust account.

(c)(1) The Director of the Department of Higher Education shall certify to the commission the amount of net proceeds from the lottery needed to:

(A) Fund the scholarships awarded to recipients under § 6-85-201 et seq. for an academic year; and

(B) Ensure that sufficient funds remain available to pay for scholarship awards for the recipients through the anticipated completion of the degree or certificate a recipient is seeking.

(2)(A)(i) The commission shall transfer the funds requested by the director under subdivision (c)(1) of this section into one (1) or more trust accounts at one (1) or more financial institutions meeting the requirements of subdivision (b)(2) of this section maintained by the department.

(ii) The director shall disburse trust account funds only in the name of the recipient:

(a) To an approved institution of higher education;

or

(b) If a recipient transfers to another approved institution of higher education, to the approved institution of higher education where the recipient transferred.

(3) By August 1 of each year, the director shall provide to the commission and to the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee for the academic year just ended an accounting of all trust accounts maintained by the department, including without limitation:

(A) Total deposits to all trust accounts;

(B) Total disbursements from the trust accounts; and

(C) The balance remaining in the trust accounts.

(d)(1) The General Assembly finds that:

(A) The administration of scholarships with proceeds from the lottery are expenses of the commission; and

(B) Because the department has the expertise and experienced staff needed to efficiently and appropriately administer the scholarships, the commission shall use the services of the department to administer scholarships funded with net proceeds from the lottery.

(2) The commission shall reimburse the department for the costs of administering the scholarship awards funded with net proceeds from the lottery after review of the reimbursement amount by the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee.

(3) The department shall refund to the Higher Education Grants Fund Account the amount of a reimbursement received from the commission under this subsection for services provided and funded from the fund account.

23-115-802. Scholarship shortfall reserve trust account.

(a) The Arkansas Lottery Commission shall maintain a scholarship shortfall reserve trust account.

(b)(1) An amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total amount of net proceeds disbursed during the preceding fiscal year in the form of scholarships and grants for higher education shall be deposited from lottery proceeds each year until the amount in the scholarship shortfall reserve trust account equals fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000).

(2) Thereafter, only an amount necessary to maintain the scholarship shortfall reserve trust account in an amount equal to fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be deposited into the scholarship shortfall reserve trust account.

(c)(1) If net proceeds in any year are not sufficient to meet the amount allocated for higher education scholarships, the scholarship shortfall reserve trust account may be drawn upon to meet the deficiency.

(2) If it becomes necessary to draw from the scholarship shortfall reserve trust account in any fiscal year, the Department of Higher Education shall review the scholarship and grant program and shall reduce the program to accommodate available lottery proceeds, exclusive of the scholarship shortfall reserve trust account.

(d) This section is effective on July 1, 2010.

23-115-803. Disposition of funds.

(a)(1) To effectuate the Arkansas Lottery Commission's purposes, the commission may borrow moneys from the State of Arkansas or accept and expend moneys from the State of Arkansas and shall repay any sums borrowed from the state as soon as practicable.

(2) As used in this section, "purposes" includes without limitation the payment of the initial expenses of initiation, administration, and operation of the commission and lotteries.

(3) The commission shall not issue bonds for any purpose.

(b)(1) The commission shall be self-sustaining and self-funded.

(2)(A) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, moneys in the General Revenue Fund Account of the State Apportionment Fund shall not be used or obligated to pay the expenses of the commission or prizes of a lottery.

(B) A claim for the payment of an expense of a lottery or prizes of a lottery shall not be made against any moneys other than moneys credited to the commission's operating account.

SUBCHAPTER 9

PENALTIES

23-115-901. Sale of ticket or share to person under 18 years of age

prohibited — Penalty.

(a) A retailer who knowingly sells a ticket or share to a person under eighteen (18) years of age or permits a person under eighteen (18) years of age to play a lottery is guilty of a violation and subject to the following penalties:

(1) A fine not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for a first violation within a forty-eight-month period;

(2) For a second violation within a forty-eight-month period:

(A) A fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500); and

(B) Suspension of the retailer license issued under § 23-115-601 et seq. for a period not to exceed two (2) days;

(3) For a third violation within a forty-eight-month period:

(A) A fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and

(B) Suspension of the retailer license issued under § 23-115-601 et seq. for a period not to exceed seven (7) days;

(4) For a fourth or subsequent violation within a forty-eight-month period:

(A) A fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000); and

(B) Suspension of the retailer license issued under § 23-115-601 et seq. for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days; and

(5) For a fifth or subsequent violation within a forty-eight-month period, the retailer license issued under § 23-115-601 et seq. may be revoked.

(b) An employee of a retailer who violates this section is subject to a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) per violation.

(c) It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution under this section that the retailer reasonably and in good faith relied upon representation of proof of age in making the sale.

(d) A person convicted of violating any provision of this section whose retailer license is suspended or revoked upon conviction shall surrender to the court his or her retailer license and the court shall transmit the retailer license to the Arkansas Lottery Commission and instruct the commission:

(1) To suspend or revoke the person's retailer license or to not renew the license; and

(2) Not to issue any new retailer license to that person for the period of time determined by the court in accordance with this section.

23-115-902. Fraud — Penalty.

(a)(1) A person who, with a purpose to defraud, falsely makes, alters, forges, utters, passes, or counterfeits a ticket is guilty of a Class D felony.

(2) A person convicted for violating subdivision (a)(1) of this section is

subject to an additional fine of not more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

(b)(1) A person who purposely influences or attempts to influence the winning of a lottery prize through the use of coercion, fraud, deception, or tampering with lottery equipment or materials is guilty of a Class D felony.

(2) A person convicted for violating subdivision (b)(1) of this section is subject to an additional fine of not more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

23-115-903. False statement on license application — Penalty.

(a) A person shall not knowingly make:

(1) A material false statement in an application for a license or proposal to conduct a lottery; or

(2) A material false entry in any book or record that is compiled, maintained, or submitted to the Arkansas Lottery Commission.

(b)(1) A person who violates this section is guilty of a Class D felony.

(2) A person convicted for violating subsection (a) of this section is subject to an additional fine of not more than twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or the dollar amount of the material false entry or material false statement, whichever is greater.

23-115-904. Inconsistent statutes inapplicable.

(a) Section 5-66-101 et seq. and all other laws and parts of laws inconsistent with this chapter are expressly declared not to apply to any person engaged in, conducting, or otherwise participating in lotteries.

(b) A person is not guilty of any criminal offense set forth in § 5-66-101 et seq. or any other law relating to illegal gambling to the extent the person relied on any rule, order, finding, or other determination by the Arkansas Lottery Commission that the activity was authorized by this chapter.

SUBCHAPTER 10

DEBTORS OWING MONEY TO THE STATE

23-115-1001. Legislative intent.

(a) The purposes of this subchapter are to establish:

(1) A policy and to provide a system whereby all claimant agencies of this state in conjunction with the Arkansas Lottery Commission shall cooperate in identifying debtors who owe money to the state through its various claimant agencies or to persons on whose behalf the state and its claimant agencies act and who qualify for lottery prizes under this chapter from the commission; and

(2) Procedures for setting off against any prize the sum of any debt owed to the state or to persons on whose behalf the state and its claimant agencies act.

(b) This subchapter shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes

stated in subsection (a) of this section.

23-115-1002. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Claimant agency" means a state agency, department, board, bureau, commission, or authority:

(A) To which a person owes a debt; or

(B) That acts on behalf of a person to collect a debt;

(2) "Debt" means a:

(A) Liquidated sum due and owing any claimant agency when the sum has accrued through contract, subrogation, tort, or operation of law regardless of whether there is an outstanding judgment for the sum; or

(B) Sum that is due and owing any person and is enforceable by the state;

(3) "Debtor" means an individual owing money to or having a delinquent account with a claimant agency when the obligation has not been:

(A) Adjudicated as satisfied by court order;

(B) Set aside by court order; or

(C) Discharged in bankruptcy; and

(4) "Prize" means the proceeds of any lottery prize awarded under this chapter.

23-115-1003. Collection remedy.

The collection remedy authorized by this subchapter is in addition to and not in substitution for any other remedy available by law.

23-115-1004. List of debtors – Withholding winnings – Ranking of liens.

(a)(1) A claimant agency may submit to the Arkansas Lottery Commission a list of the names of all debtors owing in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100) to the claimant agency or to persons on whose behalf the claimant agency is acting.

(2) The full amount of the debt is collectible from any prize without regard to limitations on the amounts that may be collectible in increments through garnishment or other proceedings.

(3) The list shall constitute a valid lien upon and claim of lien against the prize of any debtor named in the list.

(4) The list shall contain:

(A) The name of the each debtor;

(B) The social security number of each debtor if available; and

(C) Any other information that would assist the commission in identifying each debtor named in the list.

(b)(1) The commission shall withhold any prizes subject to the lien created by

this section and send notice to the winner by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the action and the reason the prizes were withheld.

(2)(A) However, if the winner appears and claims prizes in person, the commission shall notify the winner at that time by hand delivery of the action.

(B) If the debtor does not protest the withholding of the prizes in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice, the commission shall pay the prizes to the claimant agency.

(C) If the debtor protests the withholding of the prizes within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice, the commission shall:

(i) File an action in interpleader in the circuit court of the county where the debtor resides;

(ii) Pay the disputed sum into the registry of the circuit court; and

(iii) Give notice to the claimant agency and debtor of the initiation of the action.

(c) The liens created by this section are ranked by priority as follows:

(1) Taxes due the state;

(2) Delinquent child support; and

(3) All other judgments and liens in order of the date entered or perfected.

(d) The commission is not required to deduct claimed debts from prizes paid out by retailers or entities other than the commission.

(e) Any list of debt provided under this section shall be provided periodically as the commission shall provide by rule, and the commission is not obligated to retain the lists or deduct debts appearing on the lists beyond the period determined by the rules.

(f) The commission may prescribe forms and promulgate rules it deems necessary to implement this section.

(g) The commission and any claimant agency shall incur no civil or criminal liability for good faith adherence to this section.

(h) The claimant agency shall pay the commission for all costs incurred by the commission in setting off debts in the manner provided in this subchapter.

23-115-1005. Confidential information.

(a)(1) Notwithstanding any other confidentiality statute, the Arkansas Lottery Commission may provide to a claimant agency all information necessary to accomplish and effectuate the intent of this subchapter.

(2) Information shall be used by a claimant agency only in the pursuit of its debt collection duties and practices.

(b) Confidential information obtained by a claimant agency from the commission under this section shall retain its confidentiality.

(c) An employee or prior employee of a claimant agency who unlawfully discloses any information for any other purpose, except as otherwise specifically authorized by law, is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

23-115-1006. Application.

This subchapter applies only to prizes of more than five hundred dollars (\$500).

SUBCHAPTER 11

ARKANSAS LOTTERY COMMISSION LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

* 23-115-1101. Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee.

(a) The Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee is established.

(b) The Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee shall consist of the following members of the General Assembly appointed as follows:

(1) Six (6) members of the House of Representatives shall be appointed to the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(2) Six (6) members of the Senate shall be appointed to the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

(c) In making appointments, each appointing officer shall select members who have appropriate experience and knowledge of the issues to be examined by the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee and may consider racial, gender, and geographical diversity among the membership.

(d) The Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee shall:

(1) Review whether expenditures of lottery proceeds have been in accordance with this chapter;

(2) Review proposed rules of the Arkansas Lottery Commission;

(3) Review proposed major procurement contracts;

(4) Review reports filed with the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee by the Department of Higher Education, including without limitation reports filed under § 6-85-205 and § 6-85-220;

(5) Perform its duties under § 6-85-221; and

(6) Study other lottery matters as the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee considers necessary to fulfill its mandate.

(e)(1) By November 1 of each year, the Arkansas Lottery Commission

Legislative Oversight Committee shall provide to the General Assembly:

(A) Any analysis or findings resulting from its activities under this section that the committee deems relevant; and

(B) Its recommendations for any changes to the:

(i) Scholarship award amounts;

(ii) Number or type of scholarships; and

(iii) Scholarship eligibility requirements.

(2) The Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee may make interim reports to the General Assembly regarding the expenditure of net lottery revenues.

(f)(1) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each designate a Cochair of the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee.

(2) The Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee shall meet at least quarterly upon the joint call of the Cochairs of the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee.

(3) Six (6) members of the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee constitute a quorum.

(4) No action may be taken by the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee except by a majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

(g) Members of the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee are entitled to per diem and mileage at the same rate authorized by law for attendance at meetings of interim committees of the General Assembly and shall be paid from the same source.

23-115-1102. Filing of information with Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee.

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee perform the monitoring and oversight functions of the Legislative Council for the Arkansas Lottery Commission.

(b) All contracts, rules, reports, or other information required by law to be filed by the commission with the Legislative Council:

(1) Shall not be filed with the Legislative Council; and

(2) Shall be filed with the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee.

(c) The Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee shall perform all duties or functions of the Legislative Council required by law concerning the contracts, rules, reports, or other information filed with the Arkansas Lottery

Commission Legislative Oversight Committee under subsection (b) of this section.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 66, Subchapter 1 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

5-66-120. Application to Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act.

This chapter does not apply to a lottery under the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act, § 23-115-101 et seq.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 82, Subchapter 10 is repealed.

~~6-82-1001. Legislative findings and declarations of public necessity.~~

~~The General Assembly hereby recognizes that taking the proper course work in high school is essential for success in college. Arkansas high school students who complete the recommended precollegiate or technical preparation core curriculum score significantly higher on standardized preadmissions tests and are more likely to be successful in college. Because the State of Arkansas also benefits from the academic success of well-prepared college students, there is hereby established the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, a college scholarship plan to promote academic achievement and encourage academically prepared Arkansas high school graduates to enroll in the state's colleges and universities and to encourage students to enter the field of teaching for the purpose of teaching in subject matter areas of critical teacher shortage or in geographical areas of critical teacher shortage in the state.~~

~~6-82-1002. Definitions.~~

~~As used in this subchapter:~~

~~(1) "Approved institution" means a publicly supported or private, nonprofit postsecondary institution with its primary headquarters located in Arkansas that is eligible to receive Title IV federal student aid funds or any nursing school with its primary headquarters located in Arkansas that is eligible to participate in Title IV federal student aid programs and has been approved by the Department of Higher Education as eligible to participate in the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program;~~

~~(2) "Eligible student" means any student who:~~

~~(A) Meets the criteria set out by this subchapter; and~~

~~(B) Is deemed to be eligible by rules and regulations authorized by this subchapter and promulgated by the Department of Higher Education;~~

~~(3) "Financial need" means the family income of program applicants as determined by the Department of Higher Education through evaluation of program applications and supporting documentation;~~

~~(4)(A) "Full-time undergraduate student" means a resident of Arkansas who attends an approved institution of higher education and who is enrolled for at~~

~~least twelve (12) credit hours the first semester and fifteen (15) credit hours thereafter or the equivalent, as defined by the Department of Higher Education, in a program of study that leads to or is creditable toward a baccalaureate degree, an associate degree in nursing, or a nursing school diploma.~~

~~(B) A recipient receiving an Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship for the eighth semester shall not be required to be enrolled in fifteen (15) hours and shall be considered a "full-time undergraduate student" if the recipient is enrolled in the appropriate number of course credit hours to earn a degree at the end of that semester;~~

~~(5) "Recipient" means an applicant awarded a scholarship funded through the program;~~

~~(6) "Tuition" means charges levied for attendance at an eligible institution of higher education, including mandatory fees charged to all full-time students by an approved institution; and~~

~~(7) "Unemancipated child" or "unemancipated children" means a dependent child or dependent children as defined by the United States Department of Education for student aid purposes.~~

~~6-82-1003. Creation.~~

~~There is hereby created and established the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program.~~

~~6-82-1004. Authority of Department of Higher Education.~~

~~(a) The Department of Higher Education is authorized by this subchapter to develop and promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, consistent with the purposes and requirements of this subchapter.~~

~~(b) The rules and regulations shall include student eligibility criteria based on the provisions of this subchapter, the method for selecting scholarship recipients, rules for determining continuing eligibility, procedures for making payment to recipients, and such other administrative procedures which may be necessary for the implementation and operation of the program.~~

~~(c) The Department of Higher Education is authorized to expend each year for data processing and other administrative costs of this program up to one and five-tenths percent (1.5%) of the amount appropriated for the programs.~~

~~(d) Applicants must certify that they are drug-free and must pledge in writing on the application form to refrain from the use or abuse of illegal substances in order to maintain eligibility for this program.~~

~~(e)(1) The Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education are directed to develop appropriate informational materials on the Arkansas~~

~~Academic Challenge Scholarship Program and to ensure their distribution to Arkansas students in grades seven through twelve (7-12) each year as part of the packet of materials on precollegiate preparation distributed by the Department of Education as mandated by § 6-61-217.~~

~~(2) This shall be accomplished through the use of school counselors or other appropriate school personnel.~~

~~(f) The Director of the Department of Higher Education is authorized to review and evaluate the operation of the program with regard to eligibility criteria and size of the scholarship award to ensure that the program's operation meets the intent of this legislation.~~

~~(g) The Department of Higher Education is authorized to determine the necessary procedures for the awarding of scholarships should the number of eligible applicants exceed the funds available.~~

~~(h) The Department of Higher Education shall report to the General Assembly annually regarding the implementation of the provisions of this subchapter.~~

~~6-82-1005. Eligibility.~~

~~(a) Eligibility for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program shall be based on the criteria set forth in this section as well as program rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this subchapter by the Department of Higher Education.~~

~~(b) An applicant shall be eligible for an award from this program if the applicant meets all of these criteria:~~

~~(1) The applicant graduated from an Arkansas high school on or after March 5, 1991;~~

~~(2) The applicant has been a resident of the State of Arkansas for at least twelve (12) months prior to graduation from an Arkansas high school, and the applicant's parent or parents or guardian or guardians have maintained Arkansas residency for the same period of time;~~

~~(3) The applicant is a citizen of the United States or is a permanent resident alien;~~

~~(4) The applicant is accepted for admission at an approved institution of higher education as a full-time first-time freshman as defined by the department and enrolls in an approved institution within twelve (12) months of the applicant's high school graduation;~~

~~(5)(A)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(5)(B) of this section, the applicant has successfully completed the core curriculum established by the State Board of Education and the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board~~

pursuant to § 6-61-217.

~~(ii) An applicant who graduates from an Arkansas high school after December 31, 2001, but before December 1, 2009, and who meets the provisions of subdivisions (b)(1)-(4) of this section but who has not completed the core curriculum defined in this subdivision (b)(5)(A) by the end of the senior year of high school due to the unavailability of the courses in the applicant's high school shall have a grace period of twelve (12) months from the date of high school graduation in which to make up any course deficiencies required for program eligibility.~~

~~(B) An applicant who graduates from an Arkansas high school after December 31, 2009, shall have:~~

~~(i) Successfully completed the Smart Core Curriculum as established by the Department of Education; and~~

~~(ii)(a) Demonstrated proficiency in the application of knowledge and skills in reading and writing literacy and mathematics by passing the end-of-course examinations as may be developed by the Department of Education and as may be designated by the Department of Higher Education for this purpose.~~

~~(b) "End-of-course" examinations means those examinations defined in § 6-15-419;~~

~~(6)(A) The applicant who graduates from an Arkansas high school after December 31, 2001, must have achieved the following:~~

~~(i) A grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in the set of core curriculum courses if enrolling at an approved four-year institution; or~~

~~(ii) A grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale in the set of core curriculum courses if enrolling at an approved two-year institution; and~~

~~(iii)(a) These revised grade point average requirements may be reduced to no lower than a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale by a rules change by the Department of Higher Education if it is determined by the department, based on the most recent evaluation of the program's operation, that the change to a 3.0 or 2.75 grade point average on a 4.0 scale would unduly reduce the number of low-income or disadvantaged students who would otherwise be eligible for the program.~~

~~(b) At the Department of Higher Education's discretion, the Department of Higher Education may make such a reduction for admissions to institutions with a high percentage of students receiving full Pell Grants upon petition to the Department of Higher Education by the institution.~~

~~(B) The applicant scored nineteen (19) or above on the American College Test composite or the equivalent as defined by the Department of Higher Education.~~

~~(C)(i) The Department of Higher Education is authorized to develop selection criteria through program rules and regulations that combine an applicant's American College Test or equivalent score and grade point average in the core curriculum into a selection index.~~

~~(ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (b)(6)(A) and (b)(6)(B) of this section, this selection index shall be employed as an alternative selection process for applicants who achieve a grade point average above 2.75 if attending an approved two-year institution or 3.0 if attending a four-year institution on a 4.0 scale in the set of core curriculum courses defined in subdivision (b)(5)(A) of this section or for applicants who have an American College Test composite or equivalent score greater than nineteen (19).~~

~~(D)(i) The applicant demonstrates financial need as defined by the department.~~

~~(ii) In calculating financial need for applicants who graduate from an Arkansas high school after December 31, 1998, but before January 1, 2001, the following criteria shall be used:~~

~~(a) An applicant whose family includes one (1) unemancipated child shall have average family adjusted gross income over the previous two (2) years not exceeding seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) per year at the time of application to the program;~~

~~(b) An applicant whose family includes two (2) unemancipated children shall have average family adjusted gross income over the previous two (2) years not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per year at the time of application to the program;~~

~~(c) An applicant whose family includes three (3) or more unemancipated children shall have average family adjusted gross income over the previous two (2) years not exceeding eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) per year at the time of application to the program, plus for families with more than three (3) unemancipated children, an additional five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per year for each additional child;~~

~~(d) Any applicant whose family includes more than one (1) unemancipated child enrolled full time at an approved institution of higher education shall be entitled to an additional ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) of adjusted gross income for each additional child when the department calculates financial need; and~~

~~(e) If the applicant is an adopted child who was at least twelve (12) years of age at the time of adoption and if the applicant's family includes unemancipated adopted children who were at least twelve (12) years of age~~

at the time of adoption, the adoptive family shall be entitled to an additional ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) of adjusted gross income per adopted unemancipated child.

(iii) In calculating financial need for applicants who graduated from an Arkansas high school after December 31, 2000, but before December 31, 2004, the following criteria shall be used:

(a) An applicant whose family includes one (1) unemancipated child shall have average family adjusted gross income over the previous two (2) years not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per year at the time of application to the program;

(b) An applicant whose family includes two (2) unemancipated children shall have average family adjusted gross income over the previous two (2) years not exceeding fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) per year at the time of application to the program;

(c) An applicant whose family includes three (3) or more unemancipated children shall have average family adjusted gross income over the previous two (2) years not exceeding sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) per year at the time of application to the program, plus for families with more than three (3) unemancipated children an additional five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per year for each additional child; and

(d) Any applicant whose family includes more than one (1) unemancipated child enrolled full time at an approved institution of higher education shall be entitled to an additional ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) of adjusted gross income for each additional unemancipated child enrolled full time at an approved institution of higher education when the Department of Higher Education calculates financial need.

(iv) In calculating financial need for applicants who graduate from an Arkansas high school after December 31, 2006, a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or a subsequent application required by the United States Department of Education for federal financial aid shall be filed by the applicant or other proof of family income as defined by the Department of Higher Education. The following criteria shall be used:

(a) An applicant whose family includes one (1) unemancipated child shall have an average family adjusted gross income over the previous two (2) years not exceeding sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) per year at the time of application to the program;

(b) An applicant whose family includes two (2) unemancipated children shall have an average family adjusted gross income over

~~the previous two (2) years not exceeding seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) per year at the time of application to the program;~~

~~(c) An applicant whose family includes three (3) or more unemancipated children shall have an average family adjusted gross income over the previous two (2) years not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per year at the time of application to the program, plus for families with more than three (3) unemancipated children, an additional five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per year for each additional child; and~~

~~(d) Any applicant whose family includes more than one (1) unemancipated child enrolled full time at an approved institution of higher education shall be entitled to an additional ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) of adjusted gross income for each additional unemancipated child enrolled full time at an approved institution of higher education when the Department of Higher Education calculates financial need.~~

~~(c)(1) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall have the authority to increase these financial need family income limitations if sufficient additional funds become available.~~

~~(2) Financial need criteria necessary for the selection of recipients, including those defined as emancipated or independent by federal student aid regulations, shall be established through rules and regulations issued by the department.~~

~~(d) Recipients of Arkansas Governor's Distinguished Scholarships are prohibited from receiving Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarships.~~

~~(e) As an additional component to the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship:~~

~~(1) Each applicant for the scholarship shall agree that for each year the scholarship is awarded he or she may volunteer to serve as a literacy tutor for a minimum of twenty (20) clock hours each semester in a public school or a faith-based educational institution serving students in prekindergarten through grade six (PreK-6);~~

~~(2) A recipient who agrees to volunteer as a literacy tutor:~~

~~(A) Shall complete the prerequisite training in literacy and college readiness skills provided under § 6-82-1006(d) before he or she begins tutoring; and~~

~~(B) May receive college credit for the tutoring as determined by the institution of higher education awarding the scholarship; and~~

~~(3) An enrolled college student who participates in the tutorial program and fails to meet the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship academic eligibility~~

~~requirement for the fall or spring semester shall be given the probationary opportunity during the subsequent spring or summer term to continue his or her education and improve academic performance prior to losing scholarship funding in the subsequent semester.~~

~~6-82-1006. Duration — Amount.~~

~~(a) A recipient who graduated from high school before January 1, 2001, shall receive a scholarship for one (1) academic year renewable for up to three (3) additional academic years if the recipient meets continuing eligibility criteria established by the Department of Higher Education and if sufficient funds are available for that purpose.~~

~~(b) A recipient who graduated from high school after December 31, 2000, shall receive a scholarship for one (1) academic year renewable for up to three (3) additional academic years if the recipient meets the following continuing eligibility criteria:~~

~~(1) The recipient earns a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or above on a 4.0 scale at an approved institution;~~

~~(2) The recipient has completed a total of at least twenty-seven (27) hours during the first full academic year and a total of at least thirty (30) hours per academic year thereafter; and~~

~~(3) The recipient meets any other continuing eligibility criteria established by the department.~~

~~(c)(1) For recipients who graduated from high school between January 1, 1995, and December 31, 1996, the amount of the annual scholarship awarded to each recipient shall be the lesser of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) or the annual tuition charged by the approved institution in which the recipient is enrolled.~~

~~(2) For recipients who graduated from high school between January 1, 1997, and December 31, 1998, the amount of the annual scholarship awarded to each recipient shall be the lesser of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or the annual tuition charged by the approved institution in which the recipient is enrolled.~~

~~(3) For recipients who graduated from high school after December 31, 1998, the amount of the annual scholarship awarded to each recipient shall be two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).~~

~~(4) Beginning with awards made for the 2005-2006 academic year for recipients who graduated from high school after December 31, 2001, the amount of the annual scholarship awarded to each recipient shall be graduated as follows:~~

~~(A) A recipient in his or her freshman year shall be awarded an~~

amount not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500);

~~(B) A recipient in his or her sophomore year shall be awarded an amount not to exceed two thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$2,750);~~

~~(C) A recipient in his or her junior year shall be awarded an amount not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000); and~~

~~(D) A recipient in his or her senior year shall be awarded an amount not to exceed three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500).~~

~~(d)(1) A recipient who agrees to volunteer as a literacy tutor under § 6-82-1005(e) shall receive the prerequisite training in literacy and college readiness from an accredited Arkansas institution of higher education.~~

~~(2) The Department of Education shall develop the training modules for the prerequisite literacy training.~~

~~6-82-1007. Nursing school eligibility.~~

~~(a)(1) The General Assembly recognizes that the State of Arkansas is experiencing a critical shortage of nurses; and~~

~~(2) It is the intent of this section to allow the Department of Higher Education the opportunity to include associate degree granting and diploma schools of nursing in the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program under specific circumstances.~~

~~(b) The department shall make awards to applicants attending either an associate degree or diploma school preparing registered nurses that is approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing and which would not otherwise be an approved institution of higher education if:~~

~~(1) The applicant has qualified for an Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship and is simultaneously enrolled in an approved two-year college or a four-year college or university prior to or at the time of entry into the nursing school and the applicant then transfers the scholarship to an approved school of nursing after completing the two-year requirements as set forth by the department's rules and regulations;~~

~~(2) The nursing school has been approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing and is specifically recognized by the department as a school of nursing eligible to participate in the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program; and~~

~~(3) The recipient meets continuing eligibility requirements in § 6-82-1006.~~

~~(c) The scholarships awarded to recipients under this section shall be subject to § 6-18-1004(g).~~

~~(d) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the department~~

shall promulgate regulations necessary for the implementation of this section.

~~6-82-1008. Awards not funded.~~

~~(a)(1) Any applicant who graduated after December 31, 2001, who was eligible to receive an academic challenge award but did not receive the award because of insufficient funding in the program may be eligible to receive an award to begin in a year other than the freshman year.~~

~~(2) Any student enrolled in an institution of higher education must have achieved at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average to be eligible for a deferred award.~~

~~(b) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Department of Higher Education shall promulgate regulations necessary for the implementation of this section.~~

~~(c) Any award made under this section shall have funding priority as follows:~~

~~(1) Awards shall be made first to individuals who made application prior to the original deadline during the individual's senior year in high school, received an award letter from the department but did not receive an award because of insufficient funding, and are now eligible under this section;~~

~~(2) Awards shall be made, second, to the current year high school graduates who are for the first time eligible to receive an Arkansas Academic Challenge Award; and~~

~~(3) If sufficient funds are available after funding awards under subdivisions (c)(1) and (c)(2) of this section, awards may be made to individuals who did not apply during their senior year in high school but would have been eligible if the individuals had applied prior to that year's deadline and who are now eligible under this section.~~

~~6-82-1009. Priority for teaching commitment.~~

~~(a) During times of funding shortages under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, the Department of Higher Education shall give a priority to awards to applicants meeting all eligibility requirements under the program who agree to accept a forgivable loan, as set forth in this section in lieu of a scholarship, and who agree to:~~

~~(1) Teach, as required under § 6-82-1010, in a subject matter area designated by the Department of Education as having a critical shortage of teachers; or~~

~~(2) Teach, as required under § 6-82-1010, in a geographical area of the state designated by the Department of Education as having a critical shortage of teachers.~~

~~(b) The Department of Higher Education shall make awards under this~~

subchapter as follows:

~~(1) First, to applicants who agree to the provisions of § 6-82-1009; and~~

~~(2) Second, to applicants eligible under § 6-82-1005(b).~~

~~(c) Forgivable loans awarded under this section shall be paid from appropriations to the program.~~

~~6-82-1010. Teaching requirements.~~

~~(a)(1) At the beginning of the first school year in which a recipient of a forgivable loan under § 6-82-1009 is eligible for employment as a licensed teacher, that recipient shall begin to render service as a licensed teacher in a public school district in the state:~~

~~(A) In a subject matter area designated by the Department of Education as having a critical shortage of teachers if the recipient's award was made under § 6-82-1009(a)(1); or~~

~~(B) In a geographical area of the state designated by the Department of Education as having a critical shortage of teachers if the recipient's award was made under § 6-82-1009(a)(2).~~

~~(2)(A) Any recipient receiving a forgivable loan under § 6-82-1009 who received four (4) annual awards, or the equivalent of four (4) annual awards, shall render four (4) years' service as a licensed teacher.~~

~~(B) Any person who received a forgivable loan under § 6-82-1009 in an amount less than four (4) annual awards, or the equivalent of four (4) annual awards, shall render one (1) year's service as a licensed teacher for each year that the person received a full-time student forgivable loan or for the number of academic hours equivalent to one (1) school year, as determined by the Department of Higher Education, for which a part-time student received a forgivable loan.~~

~~(b) Any person receiving a forgivable loan shall execute a note made payable to the Department of Higher Education for an amount equal to the scholarship award each semester that shall bear interest at a rate to be determined by the Department of Higher Education and set forth in the note after completion of the program or immediately after termination of the forgivable loan, whichever is earlier.~~

~~(c) Any person failing to complete a program of study which will enable the person to become a licensed teacher shall begin repaying the note according to the terms of the note for the sum of all forgivable loan awards made to that person less the corresponding amount of any awards for which service has been rendered.~~

~~(d)(1)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (d)(1)(B) of this section, any person failing to complete the teaching obligation as required by this subchapter shall become immediately liable to the Department of Higher Education for the sum of all forgivable loan awards made to that person less the corresponding amount of~~

any awards for which service has been rendered according to the note's terms.

~~(B) The Department of Higher Education may defer payment on the note if an employment position is not immediately available upon a teacher's completion of licensure requirements or for other just cause as determined by the Department of Education.~~

~~(C) After the period of deferral, the person shall begin or resume teaching duties as required under this section or shall become liable to the Department of Higher Education under this section.~~

~~(e) If a claim for payment under this section is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, the obligor shall be liable for an additional amount equal to a reasonable attorney's fee.~~

~~(f) The obligations made by the recipient of a forgivable loan under § 6-82-1009 and this section shall not be voidable by reason of the age of the student at the time of receiving the forgivable loan award.~~

~~6-82-1011. End-of-course assessment requirements.~~

~~The Department of Higher Education may recognize a sub-score of nineteen (19) or higher in the applicable subject area on the American College Test as meeting the requirements for passing end-of-course examinations under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program and the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program for a student who:~~

- ~~(1) Has not had an opportunity to take an end-of-course examination;~~
- ~~(2) Has not passed the end-of-course examination; or~~
- ~~(3) Is attending a private school or home school.~~

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 6 is amended to add an additional chapter to read as follows:

CHAPTER 85

ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SUBCHAPTER 1

ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM — PART

1

6-85-101. Legislative findings and declarations of public necessity.

The General Assembly hereby recognizes that taking the proper coursework in high school is essential for success in college. Arkansas high school students who complete the recommended precollegiate or technical preparation core curriculum score significantly higher on standardized preadmission tests and are more likely to be successful in college. Because the State of Arkansas also benefits from the academic success of well-prepared college students, there is hereby established the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, a college scholarship plan to

promote academic achievement and encourage academically prepared Arkansas high school graduates to enroll in the state's colleges and universities and to encourage students to enter the field of teaching for the purpose of teaching in subject matter areas of critical teacher shortage or in geographical areas of critical teacher shortage in the state.

6-85-102. Creation.

There is hereby created and established the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program — Part 1.

6-85-103. Applicability — Expiration.

(a) This subchapter is applicable to students who:

(1) Applied for a scholarship under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-82-1001 et seq. [repealed] and maintain eligibility under this subchapter; or

(2) Apply for a scholarship under this subchapter for the academic year 2009-2010, receive the scholarship, and maintain eligibility thereafter.

(b) Except to the extent of the award amount under § 6-85-107(b)(2), a recipient of a scholarship under this subchapter shall not receive an additional scholarship under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program — Part 2, § 6-85-201 et seq.

(c) This subchapter will expire on June 30, 2015.

6-85-104. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1) “Approved institution” means an institution of higher education approved by the Department of Higher Education to participate in the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program that is either:

(A) A state-supported institution of higher education;

(B) A private, nonprofit institution of higher education with its primary headquarters located in Arkansas that is eligible to receive Title IV federal student aid funds; or

(C) A nursing school with its primary headquarters located in Arkansas that is eligible to participate in Title IV federal student aid programs and has been;

(2) “Eligible student” means any student who:

(A) Meets the criteria set out by this subchapter; and

(B) Is deemed to be eligible by rules authorized by this subchapter and promulgated by the Department of Higher Education;

(3) “Financial need” means the family income of program applicants as determined by the Department of Higher Education through evaluation of

program applications and supporting documentation;

(4)(A) "Full-time undergraduate student" means a resident of Arkansas who attends an approved institution and who is enrolled for at least twelve (12) credit hours the first semester and fifteen (15) credit hours thereafter or the equivalent, as defined by the Department of Higher Education, in a program of study that leads to or is creditable toward a baccalaureate degree, an associate degree in nursing, or a nursing school diploma.

(B) A recipient receiving an Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship for the eighth semester shall not be required to be enrolled in fifteen (15) hours and shall be considered a "full-time undergraduate student" if the recipient is enrolled in the appropriate number of course credit hours to earn a degree or diploma at the end of that semester;

(5) "Recipient" means an applicant awarded a scholarship funded through the program;

(6) "Tuition" means charges levied for attendance at an approved institution, including mandatory fees charged to all full-time undergraduate students by an approved institution; and

(7) "Unemancipated child" means a dependent child as defined by the United States Department of Education for student aid purposes.

6-85-105. Authority of Department of Higher Education.

(a) The Department of Higher Education is authorized by this subchapter to develop and promulgate rules for the administration of the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, consistent with the purposes and requirements of this subchapter.

(b) The rules shall include student eligibility criteria based on the provisions of this subchapter, the method for selecting scholarship recipients, rules for determining continuing eligibility, procedures for making payment to recipients, and other administrative procedures that may be necessary for the implementation and operation of the program.

(c) Until the end of fiscal year 2011, the Department of Higher Education is authorized to expend each year for data processing and other administrative costs of this program up to one and five-tenths percent (1.5%) of the amount appropriated for the programs.

(d) Applicants must certify that they are drug-free and must pledge in writing on the application form to refrain from the use or abuse of illegal substances in order to maintain eligibility for this program.

(e)(1) The Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education are directed to develop appropriate informational materials on the Arkansas

Academic Challenge Scholarship Program and to ensure their distribution to Arkansas students in grades seven through twelve (7-12) each year as part of the packet of materials on precollegiate preparation distributed by the Department of Education as mandated by § 6-61-217.

(2) The distribution of information shall be accomplished through the collaboration of school counselors and other appropriate school personnel.

(f) The Director of the Department of Higher Education is authorized to review and evaluate the operation of the program with regard to eligibility criteria and size of the scholarship award to ensure that the program's operation meets the intent of this subchapter.

(g) The Department of Higher Education is authorized to determine the necessary procedures for the awarding of scholarships should the number of eligible applicants exceed the funds available.

(h) The Department of Higher Education shall report to the General Assembly annually regarding the implementation of the provisions of this subchapter.

6-85-106. Eligibility.

(a) Eligibility for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program is based on the criteria under this section and rules promulgated under this subchapter by the Department of Higher Education.

(b) An applicant is eligible for an award from this program if the applicant meets all of these criteria:

(1) The applicant graduated from an Arkansas high school;

(2) The applicant has been a resident of the State of Arkansas for at least twelve (12) months before graduation from an Arkansas high school, and the applicant's parent or guardian has maintained Arkansas residency for the same period of time;

(3) The applicant is a citizen of the United States or is a lawful permanent resident;

(4) The applicant is accepted for admission at an approved institution as a full-time first-time freshman as defined by the department and enrolls in an approved institution within twelve (12) months of the applicant's high school graduation;

(5)(A)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(5)(B) of this section, the applicant has successfully completed the core curriculum established by the State Board of Education and the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board under § 6-61-217.

(ii) An applicant who graduates from an Arkansas high

school on or before December 31, 2009, and who meets the provisions of subdivisions (b)(1)-(4) of this section but who has not completed the core curriculum defined in this subdivision (b)(5)(A) by the end of the senior year of high school due to the unavailability of the courses in the applicant's high school shall have a grace period of twelve (12) months from the date of high school graduation in which to make up any course deficiencies required for program eligibility.

(B) An applicant who graduates from an Arkansas high school after December 31, 2009, shall have:

(i) Successfully completed the Smart Core Curriculum as established by the Department of Education; and

(ii)(a) Demonstrated proficiency in the application of knowledge and skills in reading and writing literacy and mathematics by passing the end-of-course assessments developed by the Department of Education.

(b) "End-of-course" assessments means those assessments defined in § 6-15-419.

(C) All applicants shall have achieved:

(i) Either:

(a) A grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in the set of core curriculum courses if enrolling at an approved four-year institution; or

(b) A grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale in the set of core curriculum courses if enrolling at an approved two-year institution; and

(ii) A minimum composite score of nineteen (19) or higher on the American College Test or the equivalent as defined by the Department of Higher Education.

(D)(i) The grade point average requirements of subdivision (b)(5)(C) of this section may be reduced to no lower than a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale by a rules change by the Department of Higher Education if it is determined by the department, based on the most recent evaluation of the program's operation, that the change to a 3.0 or 2.75 grade point average on a 4.0 scale would unduly reduce the number of low-income or disadvantaged students who would otherwise be eligible for the program.

(ii) At the Department of Higher Education's discretion, the Department of Higher Education may make the reduction for admissions to institutions with a high percentage of students receiving full Pell Grants upon petition to the Department of Higher Education by the institution.

(E)(i) The Department of Higher Education may develop selection criteria through program rules that combine an applicant's American

College Test or equivalent score and grade point average in the core curriculum into a selection index.

(ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (b)(5)(D) of this section, this selection index shall be employed as an alternative selection process for applicants who achieve a grade point average higher than 2.75 if attending an approved two-year institution or 3.0 if attending a four-year institution on a 4.0 scale in the set of core curriculum courses defined in subdivision (b)(5)(A) of this section or for applicants who have an American College Test composite or equivalent score greater than nineteen (19).

(6)(A) An applicant shall demonstrate financial need as defined by the Department of Higher Education.

(B) The department shall use the following criteria in calculating financial need for applicants who graduated from an Arkansas high school after December 31, 2000, but before December 31, 2004:

(i) An applicant whose family includes one (1) unemancipated child shall have average family adjusted gross income over the previous two (2) years not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per year at the time of application to the program;

(ii) An applicant whose family includes two (2) unemancipated children shall have average family adjusted gross income over the previous two (2) years not exceeding fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) per year at the time of application to the program;

(iii) An applicant whose family includes three (3) or more unemancipated children shall have average family adjusted gross income over the previous two (2) years not exceeding sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) per year at the time of application to the program, plus for families with more than three (3) unemancipated children, an additional five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per year for each additional child; and

(iv) Any applicant whose family includes more than one (1) unemancipated child enrolled full time at an approved institution shall be entitled to an additional ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) of adjusted gross income for each additional unemancipated child enrolled full time at an approved institution when the Department of Higher Education calculates financial need.

(C) In calculating financial need for applicants who graduate from an Arkansas high school after December 31, 2006, a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or a subsequent application required by the United States Department of Education for federal financial aid shall be filed by the applicant or other proof of family income as defined by the Department of Higher Education. The

following criteria shall be used:

(i) An applicant whose family includes one (1) unemancipated child shall have an average family adjusted gross income over the previous two (2) years not exceeding sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) per year at the time of application to the program;

(ii) An applicant whose family includes two (2) unemancipated children shall have an average family adjusted gross income over the previous two (2) years not exceeding seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) per year at the time of application to the program;

(iii) An applicant whose family includes three (3) or more unemancipated children shall have an average family adjusted gross income over the previous two (2) years not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per year at the time of application to the program, plus for families with more than three (3) unemancipated children, an additional five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per year for each additional child; and

(iv) Any applicant whose family includes more than one (1) unemancipated child enrolled full time at an approved institution of higher education shall be entitled to an additional ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) of adjusted gross income for each additional unemancipated child enrolled full time at an approved institution of higher education when the Department of Higher Education calculates financial need.

(c)(1) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall have the authority to increase these financial need family income limitations if sufficient additional funds become available.

(2) Financial need criteria necessary for the selection of recipients, including those defined as emancipated or independent by federal student aid regulations, shall be established through rules issued by the department.

(d) Recipients of Arkansas Governor's Distinguished Scholarships are prohibited from receiving Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarships.

(e) As an additional component to the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship:

(1) Each applicant for the scholarship shall agree that for each year the scholarship is awarded he or she may volunteer to serve as a literacy tutor for a minimum of twenty (20) clock hours each semester in a public school or a faith-based educational institution serving students in prekindergarten through grade six (preK-6);

(2) A recipient who agrees to volunteer as a literacy tutor:

(A) Shall complete the prerequisite training in literacy and

college readiness skills provided under § 6-85-107(c) before he or she begins tutoring;

(B) May receive college credit for the tutoring as determined by the institution of higher education where the recipient is enrolled and

(C) Shall receive the prerequisite training in literacy and college readiness from an accredited Arkansas institution of higher education based on training modules developed by the Department of Education.

(3) An enrolled college student who participates in the tutorial program and fails to meet the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship academic eligibility requirement for the fall or spring semester shall be given the probationary opportunity during the subsequent spring or summer term to continue his or her education and improve academic performance prior to losing scholarship funding in the subsequent semester.

6-85-107. Duration — Amount.

(a) A recipient who graduated from high school after December 31, 2000, shall receive a scholarship for one (1) academic year renewable for up to three (3) additional academic years if the recipient meets the following continuing eligibility criteria:

(1) The recipient earns a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher based on a 4.0 scale at an approved institution;

(2) The recipient has completed a total of at least twenty-seven (27) hours during the first full academic year and a total of at least thirty (30) hours per academic year thereafter; and

(3) The recipient meets any other continuing eligibility criteria established by the Department of Higher Education.

(b)(1) Beginning with awards made for the 2005-2006 academic year and thereafter for recipients who graduated from high school after December 31, 2001, the amount of the annual scholarship awarded to each recipient shall be graduated as follows:

(A) A recipient in his or her freshman year shall be awarded an amount not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500);

(B) A recipient in his or her sophomore year shall be awarded an amount not to exceed two thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$2,750);

(C) A recipient in his or her junior year shall be awarded an amount not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000); and

(D) A recipient in his or her senior year shall be awarded an amount not to exceed three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500).

(2) A recipient under this subchapter shall receive the greater of the

award under subdivision (b)(1) of this section or the award amount for the same academic year for a full-time recipient under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program – Part 2, § 6-85-201 et seq.

6-85-108. Nursing school eligibility.

(a)(1) The General Assembly recognizes that the State of Arkansas is experiencing a critical shortage of nurses; and

(2) It is the intent of this section to allow the Department of Higher Education the opportunity to include associate degree granting and diploma schools of nursing in the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program under specific circumstances.

(b) The department shall make awards to applicants attending either an associate degree or diploma school preparing registered nurses that is approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing and which would not otherwise be an approved institution if:

(1) The applicant has qualified for an Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship and is simultaneously enrolled in an approved two-year college or a four-year college or university prior to or at the time of entry into the nursing school and the applicant then transfers the scholarship to an approved school of nursing after completing the two-year requirements as set forth by the department's rules and regulations;

(2) The nursing school has been approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing and is specifically recognized by the department as a school of nursing eligible to participate in the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program; and

(3) The recipient meets continuing eligibility requirements in § 6-85-106.

(c) The scholarships awarded to recipients under this section shall be subject to § 6-85-105(g).

(d) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the department shall promulgate rules necessary for the implementation of this section.

6-85-109. Priority for teaching commitment.

(a) During times of funding shortages under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, the Department of Higher Education shall give a priority to awards to applicants meeting all eligibility requirements under the program who agree to accept a forgivable loan, as set forth in this section in lieu of a scholarship, and who agree to teach, as required under § 6-85-110, in a:

(1) Subject matter area designated by the Department of Education as having a critical shortage of teachers; or

(2) Geographical area of the state designated by the Department of Education as having a critical shortage of teachers.

(b) The Department of Higher Education shall make awards under this subchapter as follows:

(1) First, to applicants who agree to the provisions of this section; and

(2) Then to applicants eligible under § 6-85-106(b).

(c) Forgivable loans awarded under this section shall be paid from appropriations to the program.

6-85-110. Teaching requirements.

(a)(1) At the beginning of the first school year in which a recipient of a forgivable loan under § 6-85-109 is eligible for employment as a licensed teacher, that recipient shall begin to render service as a licensed teacher in a public school district in the state:

(A) In a subject matter area designated by the Department of Education as having a critical shortage of teachers if the recipient's award was made under § 6-85-109(a)(1); or

(B) In a geographical area of the state designated by the Department of Education as having a critical shortage of teachers if the recipient's award was made under § 6-85-109(a)(2).

(2)(A) Any recipient receiving a forgivable loan under § 6-85-109 who received four (4) annual awards, or the equivalent of four (4) annual awards, shall render four (4) years' service as a licensed teacher.

(B) Any person who received a forgivable loan under § 6-85-109 in an amount less than four (4) annual awards, or the equivalent of four (4) annual awards, shall render one (1) year's service as a licensed teacher for each year that the person received a full-time student forgivable loan or for the number of academic hours equivalent to one (1) school year, as determined by the Department of Higher Education, for which a part-time student received a forgivable loan.

(b) Any person receiving a forgivable loan shall execute a note made payable to the Department of Higher Education for an amount equal to the scholarship award each semester that shall bear interest at a rate to be determined by the Department of Higher Education and set forth in the note after completion of the program or immediately after termination of the forgivable loan, whichever is earlier.

(c) Any person failing to complete a program of study which will enable the person to become a licensed teacher shall begin repaying the note according to the terms of the note for the sum of all forgivable loan awards made to that person less the corresponding amount of any awards for which service has been rendered.

(d)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (d)(2) of this section, any person

failing to complete the teaching obligation as required by this subchapter shall become immediately liable to the Department of Higher Education for the sum of all forgivable loan awards made to that person less the corresponding amount of any awards for which service has been rendered according to the note's terms.

(2) The Department of Higher Education may defer payment on the note if an employment position is not immediately available upon a teacher's completion of licensure requirements or for other just cause as determined by the Department of Education.

(3) After the period of deferral, the person shall begin or resume teaching duties as required under this section or shall become liable to the Department of Higher Education under this section.

(e) If a claim for payment under this section is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, the obligor shall be liable for an additional amount equal to a reasonable attorney's fee.

(f) The obligations made by the recipient of a forgivable loan under § 6-85-109 and this section shall not be voidable by reason of the age of the student at the time of receiving the forgivable loan award.

6-85-111. End-of-course assessment requirements.

The Department of Higher Education may recognize a sub-score of nineteen (19) or higher in the applicable subject area on the American College Test as meeting the requirements for passing end-of-course assessments under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program and the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program for a student who:

- (1) Has not had an opportunity to take an end-of-course assessment;
- (2) Has not passed the end-of-course assessment; or
- (3) Is attending a private school or home school.

SUBCHAPTER 2

ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM —

PART 2

6-85-201. Findings.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) In approving Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 87, the citizens of this state provided an opportunity to increase the resources provided for higher education scholarships and grants through a state lottery; and

(2) The net proceeds from the state lottery, in addition to existing nonlottery state educational resources for scholarships and grants, will:

(A) Encourage associate degree recipients and university juniors to complete a baccalaureate degree;

(B) Provide opportunities for students more than one (1) year out of high school to enter or reenter higher education;

(C) Provide an improved system of communication to students and parents about opportunities for higher education scholarships and grants in Arkansas; and

(D) Provide an evaluation and analysis of all state funding for scholarships and grants and how the funding advances the state's goals for higher education.

6-85-202. Creation.

The Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program — Part 2 is hereby created and established.

6-85-203. Applicability.

(a) This subchapter is applicable to students who apply for a scholarship under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program — Part 2 for the academic year 2010-2011, and each academic year thereafter.

(b) Except to the extent of an award amount under § 6-85-107(b)(2), a recipient of a scholarship under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program — Part 1, § 6-85-101 et seq., is not eligible for an additional scholarship under this subchapter.

(c) Recipients of Arkansas Governor's Distinguished Scholarships are prohibited from receiving Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarships under this subchapter.

6-85-204. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1) "ACT" means the ACT Assessment administered by ACT, Inc.;

(2) "ACT equivalent" means the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), COMPASS, Accuplacer, or other nationally normed test that is correlated with the ACT and approved by the Department of Higher Education for use by institutions of higher education to assess a person's college readiness;

(3) "Approved institution of higher education" means an institution of higher education approved by the Department of Higher Education to participate in the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program — Part 2 and that is:

(A) A state-supported two-year or four-year college or university; or

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

(4) "General Educational Development test" means a test measuring

the knowledge and skills usually learned in high school that is administered by a state-approved institution or organization;

(5) "High school grade point average" means the numbered grade average on a student's high school transcript calculated using the first seven (7) of the last eight (8) semesters the student completed prior to graduating high school;

(6) "Lawful permanent resident" means a non-United States citizen who resides in the United States under a legally recognized and lawfully recorded permanent residence and who may receive state public benefits under 8 U.S.C. § 1622;

(7) "Net proceeds from the state lottery" means lottery proceeds less operating expenses, as defined in § 23-115-103;

(8) "Nonlottery state educational resources" means the funding available for state-supported scholarships and grants for students enrolled in two-year and four-year institutions of higher education in this state that:

(A) The General Assembly makes available from general revenue to the Higher Education Grants Fund Account without consideration of the availability of proceeds from the state lottery; and

(B) The Department of Finance and Administration estimates is available for distribution to the Higher Education Grants Fund Account during a fiscal year from the Educational Excellence Trust Fund;

(9) "Nontraditional student" means a student who is not a traditional student;

(10) "Personally identifiable student data" means any information that, alone or in combination with other available information, is linked or linkable to a specific student that would allow a reasonable person in the school community to identify the student with reasonable certainty;

(11) "Postsecondary grade point average" means the cumulative numbered grade average for college credit courses as calculated using a 4.0 scale;

(12) "Qualified certificate program" means a program that is:

(A) Offered by an approved institution of higher education;

(B) Shorter in duration than an associate degree for which credit hours are awarded that are creditable toward an associate degree; and

(C) Recognized by the United States Department of Education for financial aid purposes;

(13) "Recipient" means an applicant awarded a scholarship funded through the program;

(14) "State-supported student financial assistance" means a state-supported scholarship, grant, tuition waiver, or tuition reimbursement funded with

state funds or net proceeds from the state lottery awarded by:

(A) The Department of Higher Education; or

(B) A scholarship or grant awarded by an institution of higher education in this state in whole or in part by state funds, including without limitation:

(i) Scholarships awarded on the basis of entrance exam scores or high school academic achievement;

(ii) Tuition waivers based on age, military service, occupation, or other factors;

(iii) Out-of-state tuition waivers for undergraduate students from contiguous states in close proximity to a college or university;

(iv) Scholarships for transfers from two-year institutions;

(v) Performance scholarships for band, musical performing groups, arts, theater, forensics, and similar activities that are not awarded on the basis of entrance exam scores or high school academic achievement; and

(vi) Any other publicly-funded program under which students are not charged or are reimbursed by the institution of higher education for tuition, fees, books, or other costs of attendance; and

(15) "Traditional student" means a student who will enter postsecondary education as a full-time first-time freshman within twelve (12) months after graduating from high school and remains continuously enrolled as a full-time student.

6-85-205. Authority and duties of the Department of Higher Education.

(a)(1) The Department of Higher Education shall develop and promulgate rules for the administration of the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program consistent with the purposes and requirements of this subchapter.

(2) At least ten (10) business days before the date the Department of Higher Education files with the Bureau of Legislative Research under § 25-15-204 a proposed rule or proposed change to a rule promulgated under this subchapter, the Department of Higher Education shall file a copy of the proposed rule or proposed change to a rule with the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee.

(b) The rules developed and promulgated by the Department of Higher Education under this section shall pertain to:

(1) Student eligibility criteria based on this subchapter;

(2) The method for selecting scholarship recipients and for determining continuing eligibility;

(3) The procedures for making payment to an approved institution of

higher education where the recipient is enrolled; and

(4) Other administrative procedures that may be necessary for the implementation and operation of the program.

(c) The Department of Higher Education shall implement a complete financial aid management system that uses a single application form that may be accessed as a web-based application for all Arkansas state-supported student financial assistance administered by the Department of Higher Education, including:

(1) Scholarships awarded under this subchapter or other state law that are funded with net proceeds from the state lottery; and

(2) Scholarships, grants, or other financial assistance for higher education students funded with nonlottery state educational resources.

(d)(1) The Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education are directed to develop appropriate informational materials on the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program and to ensure distribution of the materials to Arkansas students in grade seven through grade twelve (7-12) each year as a part of the packet of materials on precollegiate preparation distributed by the Department of Education as required by § 6-61-217.

(2) The distribution of materials shall be accomplished through the collaboration of school counselors and other appropriate public school or Department of Higher Education personnel.

(e) The Director of the Department of Higher Education shall review and evaluate the operation of the program with regard to eligibility criteria and size of the scholarship award to ensure that the program's operation meets the intent of this subchapter.

(f) The Department of Higher Education may determine the necessary procedures for the awarding of scholarships if the number of eligible applicants exceeds the funds available based on the criteria under this subchapter.

(g)(l) The Department of Higher Education shall report to the General Assembly annually regarding the implementation of this subchapter.

(2) By August 1 of each year, the Department of Higher Education shall provide to the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee an unaudited financial report on the administration of the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program for the fiscal year just ended.

6-85-206. Basic eligibility requirements.

The basic requirements for an applicant to be eligible for an award from the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program — Part 2 are:

(1)(A) The applicant has been an Arkansas resident for at least the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date the applicant will enroll in an

approved institution of higher education, and if the applicant is less than eighteen (18) years of age, a parent or guardian of the applicant or a combination of the applicant and a parent or guardian of the applicant has maintained Arkansas residency for the same period of time.

(B) To be considered an Arkansas resident, an applicant shall demonstrate residency by evidence deemed sufficient to the Department of Higher Education, including without limitation information provided by the applicant on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or a subsequent application required by the United States Department of Education for federal financial aid;

(2) The applicant is a citizen of the United States or is a lawful permanent resident;

(3)(A) The applicant is accepted for admission at an approved institution of higher education as a full-time student or part-time student in a program of study that leads to or is creditable toward:

(i) A baccalaureate degree;

(ii) An associate degree;

(iii) A certificate from a qualified certificate program; or

(iv) A nursing school diploma or associate degree under

§ 6-85-213.

(B) A full-time student shall enroll in at least twenty-seven (27) semester hours the first academic year and thirty (30) semester hours per academic year thereafter or the equivalent, as described in this subchapter, or the equivalent as defined by the Department of Higher Education.

(C) A part-time student shall complete at least six (6) semester hours but fewer than the minimum number of semester hours for a full-time student, as defined by the Department of Higher Education;

(4) The applicant has not earned a baccalaureate degree;

(5) The applicant does not owe a refund on a federal or state student financial aid grant for higher education;

(6) The applicant is not in default on a state or federal student financial aid loan for higher education;

(7) The applicant has not borrowed, as determined by the approved institution of higher education to be attended, in excess of the annual loan limits under the Federal Family Educational Loan Program Systems, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, Income Contingent Loan Demonstration Program, Stafford Loan Program, Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students Program, or Supplemental Loan for Students Program in the same academic year for which the student has applied for assistance under this subchapter;

(8) The applicant is not incarcerated at the time of the application for or during the time the applicant receives a scholarship under this subchapter;

(9) The applicant has complied with United States Selective Service System requirements for registration;

(10) The applicant has completed and submitted to the United States Department of Education a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or a subsequent application required by the United States Department of Education for federal financial aid; and

(11) The applicant certifies that he or she is drug-free and pledges in writing on the application form to refrain from the use or abuse of illegal substances in order to become eligible and maintain eligibility for this program.

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)(A) Graduated from an Arkansas public high school and has:

(i) Successfully completed the Smart Core curriculum established by the Department of Education; and

(ii) Either:

(a) Achieved a high school grade point average of at least 2.5; or

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

(B) Graduated from an Arkansas public high school before the 2013-2014 school year, but did not complete the Smart Core curriculum, he or she shall have achieved a high school grade point average of at least 2.5 and either:

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

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

(a) Algebra I;

(b) Geometry;

(c) Biology; and

(4) Literacy, beginning with the 2013-2014 school year;

(2) Graduated from an Arkansas public high school that is annually identified in the report by the Department of Education under § 6-15-421 as a school in which twenty percent (20%) or more of the students received a letter grade of "B"

or higher but did not score proficiency or higher on the end-of-course assessment on the first attempt, whether or not the applicant completed the Smart Core curriculum, achieved a high school grade point average of at least 2.5 and either:

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

(B) Scores 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, beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.

(3) 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 but did not complete the Smart Core curriculum because the applicant's individualized education program under § 6-41-217 did not require it, achieved a high school grade point average of at least 2.5 and either:

(A) Has 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, beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.

(4) An applicant who graduated from a private or out-of-state high school or completed a high school curriculum at a home school shall have achieved a minimum composite score of nineteen (19) on the ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent.

6-85-208. Additional eligibility requirements for a nontraditional student.

(a) An applicant is eligible as a nontraditional student if, in addition to the requirements of § 6-85-206, the applicant:

(1)(A) Graduated from an Arkansas high school and achieved a 2.5 high school grade point average; or

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

(3) Has completed at least twelve (12) semester hours of courses granting three (3) or more hours of credit at an approved institution of higher education and earned a postsecondary grade point average of at least 2.5.

(b) A nontraditional student applicant who graduated from a private or out-of-state high school or completed a high school curriculum at a home school shall have achieved a minimum composite score of nineteen (19) on the ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent.

6-85-209. Additional eligibility requirements for a student near completion.

In addition to the requirements of § 6-85-206, an applicant is eligible as a student near completion if at the time of applying for the scholarship the applicant:

(1) Is enrolled in a two-year or four-year approved institution of higher education;

(2) Is within twenty-five percent (25%) of the requirements for completion of an associate degree or baccalaureate degree; and

(3) Has achieved a postsecondary grade point average of at least 2.5.

6-85-210. Continuing eligibility.

(a) A recipient who meets continuing eligibility criteria under this subchapter shall receive a scholarship for one (1) academic year renewable annually until the recipient first:

(1) Earns a baccalaureate degree;

(2)(A) Attempts a total of one hundred thirty (130) semester hours in eight (8) semesters at any approved institution of higher education as an undergraduate full-time student.

(B) If the recipient's undergraduate degree requires additional hours, the Department of Higher Education, in conjunction with the institution of higher education where the recipient is enrolled, shall determine the maximum period of time for renewal of the scholarship; or

(3) Attempts a total of one hundred thirty (130) semester hours in sixteen (16) semesters at any approved institution of higher education as an undergraduate part-time student.

(b) To maintain eligibility for an Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship under this subchapter, a recipient shall meet the following requirements:

(1) A recipient shall continue to meet the eligibility requirements of this subchapter while a recipient of a scholarship under this subchapter;

(2)(A)(i) A recipient shall meet the satisfactory academic progress standards required to receive other financial aid at the approved institution of higher education where the recipient is enrolled, as determined by the Department of Higher Education in conjunction with the institution of higher education where the

recipient is enrolled.

(ii) By accepting scholarship funds under this subchapter, the receiving institution certifies that students will be enrolled in courses that will meet satisfactory academic progress standards leading toward a certificate, an associate degree, or a baccalaureate degree.

(B) A recipient shall be continuously enrolled unless the Department of Higher Education has approved a leave of absence for:

(i) A medical condition of the student or a member of the student's immediate family;

(ii) A personal or family emergency;

(iii) Military service under § 6-61-112;

(iv) A commitment for twelve (12) months or more for community, national, or global humanitarian service; or

(v) Any other reason approved by the Department of Higher Education.

(C)(i) A traditional student recipient is continuously enrolled in an approved institution of higher education if he or she completes twenty-seven (27) semester hours in the first year as a recipient and completes thirty (30) semester hours each academic year thereafter.

(ii) A nontraditional student recipient is continuously enrolled if he or she maintains at an approved institution of higher education in consecutive semesters, not including any summer term:

(a) Full-time enrollment if the student receives a scholarship under this subchapter for a full-time student; or

(b) Part-time enrollment if the student is receiving a scholarship under this subchapter for a part-time student;

(3) A recipient who enrolls in one (1) or more remedial courses shall complete all remedial courses required by the approved institution of higher education by the time the student completes the first thirty (30) semester hours attempted after receiving the scholarship;

(4) A recipient shall earn a postsecondary grade point average of 2.5 or higher at an approved institution of higher education;

(5) A recipient shall be enroll in courses that lead toward a baccalaureate degree program after attempting the lesser of:

(A) Sixty-six (66) semester hours; or

(B) The completion of an associate degree program, unless the number of hours required to complete the associate degree program exceeds sixty-six (66) semester hours, in which case, the higher number of hours for completion

shall be used for this subdivision (b)(5); and

(6) A recipient shall meet any other continuing eligibility criteria established by the Department of Higher Education.

(c)(1) If a recipient becomes ineligible for the scholarship because the recipient's postsecondary grade point average no longer meets the minimum requirement for the scholarship, the recipient may regain eligibility under this subsection (c) one (1) time only.

(2) Except as provided under § 6-85-211(a)(3) and unless the requirements of this subsection are waived by the Department of Higher Education, to regain eligibility for the scholarship:

(A) A full-time student shall:

(i) Complete at least fifteen (15) semester hours of courses for credit for which the approved institution of higher education certifies that the courses meet the satisfactory academic progress standards of the institution; and

(ii) Achieve a 2.5 grade point average for the semester hours completed under this subdivision; and

(B) A part-time student shall:

(i) Complete at least six (6) semester hours of courses for credit for which the approved institution of higher education certifies that the courses meet the satisfactory academic progress standards of the institution; and

(ii) Achieve a 2.5 grade point average for the semester hours completed under this subdivision.

(d)(1) If a recipient becomes ineligible for the scholarship because the recipient has not completed the required number of hours for continuing eligibility, the recipient may regain eligibility under this subsection (d) for one (1) time only.

(2)(A) Except as provided under § 6-85-211(a)(3) and unless the requirements of this subsection are waived by the Department of Higher Education, to regain eligibility for the scholarship, the recipient shall complete the number of hours needed to regain eligibility.

(B) The recipient shall complete the required number of hours during the summer term at the student's own expense.

(e) If a recipient is subject to losing a scholarship under subsection (c) or (d) of this section due to a catastrophic event experienced by the recipient or a family member of the recipient, the department may waive the requirements of this subsection and determine the appropriate requirements for the recipient to either retain or regain the scholarship.

6-85-211. Literacy tutoring.

(a) As an additional component to the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship:

(1) Each applicant for the scholarship shall agree that for each year the scholarship is awarded he or she may volunteer to serve as a literacy tutor for a minimum of twenty (20) clock hours each semester in a public school or a faith-based educational institution serving students in prekindergarten through grade six (preK-6):

(2) A recipient who agrees to volunteer as a literacy tutor:

(A) Shall complete the prerequisite training in literacy and college readiness skills provided under this section before he or she begins tutoring; and

(B) May receive college credit for the tutoring as determined by the institution of higher education where the recipient is enrolled; and

(3) An enrolled college student who participates in the tutorial program and fails to meet the academic eligibility requirement under this subchapter for the fall or spring semester shall be given the probationary opportunity during the subsequent spring or summer term to continue his or her education and improve academic performance before losing scholarship funding in the subsequent semester.

(b) A recipient who agrees to volunteer as a literacy tutor under this section shall receive the prerequisite training in literacy and college readiness from an approved institution of higher education based on training modules developed by the Department of Education.

6-85-212. Scholarship award amounts.

(a)(1) The General Assembly may use net proceeds from the state lottery to fund the scholarships awarded under this subchapter and to supplement the state-supported student financial assistance that the General Assembly determines are necessary to meet the state's objective for broadening and increasing access of Arkansas citizens to higher education.

(b) Net proceeds from the state lottery used to fund scholarships under this subchapter shall:

(1) Be used exclusively for the purposes set out in Amendment 87 of the Arkansas Constitution and this subchapter; and

(2) Supplement and shall not supplant nonlottery state educational resources.

(c) It is General Assembly's intent that before increasing award amounts for scholarships under this subchapter, the number of scholarships awarded to nontraditional students under § 6-85-208 and to students near completion under § 6-

85-209 be increased.

(d) The scholarships established under this subchapter are subject to available funding and do not create for any student an entitlement to financial assistance to enable the student's attendance at an approved institution of higher education.

(e)(1) For the 2010-2011 academic year, the General Assembly shall determine the scholarship award amount by February 28, 2010, based on the amount of net proceeds from the state lottery reasonably projected to be available for scholarships in the 2010-2011 academic year.

(2)(A) The Department of Higher Education shall award an aggregate amount of scholarship awards to nontraditional students beginning with the 2010-2011 academic year up to eight million dollars (\$8,000,000).

(B) Priority for scholarships awarded to nontraditional students is based on the applicant's level of progress toward completion of a certificate, an associate degree, or a baccalaureate degree, or on other criteria established by the Department of Higher Education.

(3) The scholarship award for a full-time student enrolled in a two-year approved institution of higher education is one-half (1/2) of the scholarship award amount for a full-time undergraduate student enrolled in a four-year approved institution of higher education.

(4)(A) The scholarship award amount for a part-time recipient shall be:

(i) One-half of the award amount for a full-time recipient, if the recipient is enrolled in six (6) semester hours but less than nine (9) semester hours; or

(ii) Three-quarters (3/4) of the award amount for a full-time recipient, if the recipient is enrolled in nine (9) semester hours but less than the number of hours required for a full-time recipient.

(B) The per semester hour award amount is calculated as the per-semester hour amount of an award to a traditional student based on fifteen (15) semester hours as calculated by the Department of Higher Education;

(c)(1) By November 1 of each year, the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee shall provide to the General Assembly its recommendations for any changes to the:

(A) Award amounts;

(B) Number or type of scholarships; and

(C) Eligibility requirements.

(2) The committee may base its recommendations for scholarship award amounts on the following guidelines and any additional information the

committee finds relevant to making the recommendations:

<u>Annual 2-yr institution award amount</u>	<u>Annual 4-yr institution award amount</u>	<u>If net lottery proceeds are greater than</u>	<u>Or equal to</u>
<u>\$1,250</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$ 49,308,626</u>	<u>\$ 60,405,551</u>
<u>\$1,500</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>\$ 60,405,551</u>	<u>\$ 71,502,476</u>
<u>\$1,750</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>	<u>\$ 71,502,476</u>	<u>\$ 82,599,401</u>
<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>	<u>\$ 82,599,401</u>	<u>\$ 93,696,326</u>
<u>\$2,250</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$ 93,696,326</u>	<u>\$104,793,251</u>
<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$104,793,251</u>	<u>\$115,890,177</u>
<u>\$2,750</u>	<u>\$5,500</u>	<u>\$115,890,177</u>	<u>\$126,987,102</u>
<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$126,987,102</u>	

(d) After the 2010-2011 academic year, the determination of the amount of net proceeds from the state lottery available for each semester is based on the Arkansas Lottery Commission's certification of net proceeds made in July of the immediately preceding calendar year.

(e) The department shall ensure that sufficient funds remain available to pay for scholarship awards through anticipated completion of the degree or certificate a recipient is seeking and report the balance of those funds to the General Assembly before the amount of awards under this subchapter are increased by the General Assembly.

(f) All awards under this subchapter are subject to the prohibition under § 6-80-105 against using public funds in a student financial package in excess of the recognized cost of attendance at the institution where the student is enrolled.

(g)(1) If the department has less than a sufficient amount to provide for the scholarship commitments under this subchapter, the department first shall use the department's Scholarships and Grants Contingency Appropriation to fund the shortfall.

(2) The department then shall give priority for continued financial support under this subchapter to a recipient who has continuing eligibility superior to first-time applicants.

(3) If the funding is still insufficient to fully fund the scholarships created under this subchapter, the department shall award scholarships after considering applicants:

(A) With the highest level of progress toward completion of a certificate, an associate degree, or a baccalaureate degree;

(B) With the highest high school or postsecondary grade point average, as applicable to the applicant; and

(C) Who are enrolled in or intend to enroll in an program of study that is:

(i) In an area of critical workforce need as determined by the department; or

(ii) Is in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics field.

6-85-213. Nursing school eligibility.

(a)(1) The General Assembly recognizes that the State of Arkansas is experiencing a critical shortage of nurses.

(2) It is the intent of this section to allow the Department of Higher Education the opportunity, under specific circumstances, to include a school of nursing that:

(A) Prepares students as registered nurses;

(B) Grants associate degrees or nursing diplomas;

(C) Is approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing; and

(D) Would not otherwise be an approved institution of higher education in the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program.

(b)(1) The department shall make awards to applicants attending a school of nursing under this section if:

(A) The applicant has qualified for an Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship and is simultaneously enrolled in an approved two-year college or a four-year college or university before or at the time of entry into the nursing school and the applicant then transfers the scholarship to an approved school of nursing after completing the two-year requirements under the department's rules;

(B) The nursing school has been approved by the board and is specifically recognized by the department as a school of nursing eligible to participate in the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program; and

(C) The recipient meets continuing eligibility requirements in § 6-85-210.

(2) The department shall pay scholarship awards under this section only from nonlottery state educational resources.

6-85-214. Accountability — Transparency — Legislative oversight.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The continual evaluation of the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program and of all state-supported scholarship and grant programs by the General Assembly is critical for maximizing the benefits to the state and its citizens of state financial aid for higher education and meeting state objectives for

higher education; and

(2) Accountability and transparency in the implementation of state-supported scholarship programs are fundamental to a proper evaluation of the programs.

(b) The General Assembly finds that the collection of data and the reports required under §§ 6-85-215 — 6-85-220 are necessary to ensure accountability and transparency.

6-85-215. Student consent form.

(a)(1)(A) A student receiving any state-supported student financial assistance for which an institution of higher education is required to provide information under this section shall complete and sign a consent form authorizing the release of the student's individual personal information to the Bureau of Legislative Research and authorizing:

(i) The institution of higher education to provide the bureau with academic progress information for the scholarship recipient; and

(ii) The department to release the student's individual personal information to the bureau.

(B) If a student is less than eighteen (18) years of age, the student's parent or guardian shall complete and sign the consent form.

(2)(A) The student may opt out of the release of information. A decision to opt out applies only to the release of information under this section and does not apply to information released under any other section of this subchapter or under any other law.

(B) In order to provide better statistical data, each institution shall report the number of students who opt out.

(3) The consent form shall state that:

(i) The purpose for the bureau collecting data is to guide the General Assembly's evaluation of the need for adjustments to scholarship program eligibility and funding levels;

(ii) Personally identifiable student data will not be released by the bureau or the department; and

(iii) The student may opt out of the release of information, and that opting out will not affect the student's eligibility for a scholarship.

(4) The form shall list the categories of information authorized for release under this section.

(5) The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research may:

(A) Seek an opinion from the Family Policy Compliance Office

of the United States Department of Education concerning the student consent requirement and opt out under this section; or

(B) Request the Department of Higher Education to seek the opinion on behalf of the bureau.

(b) The information consented to be released by the student shall include:

(1) A unique student identifier;

(2) Status for Federal PELL grant;

(3) Postsecondary grade point average;

(4) Number of semester hours attempted;

(5) Number of semester hours completed;

(6) Gender, race, ethnicity, and age;

(7) High school graduated from or General Educational Development test score;

(8) High school grade point average; and

(9) ACT score or ACT equivalent score, if available.

(c) This section does not apply to scholarships or other forms of student financial assistance that are completely privately funded.

(d) Approved institutions of higher education shall undertake any procedures necessary to ensure the collection of the information under this section and shall provide it to the Bureau of Legislative Research in a mutually agreed upon electronic format by November 1 of each school year for students awarded for that academic year state-supported student financial assistance.

(e)(1) The student data provided to the bureau under this section are not subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.

(2) The bureau shall not release any personally identifiable student data received under this section.

(f) The bureau shall inform the Department of Higher Education of any data used in the preparation of reports and provide the department at least two (2) working days to review any student-related data used in preparation of reports before publicly releasing that student-related data without personally identifiable data.

6-85-216. Institution report to the department.

(a)(1) An approved institution of higher education that enrolls students receiving scholarships under this subchapter annually shall provide information, and semiannually provide updated information, to the Department of Higher Education regarding all state-supported student financial assistance whether or not the state-supported student financial assistance is awarded under this subchapter.

(2) The information shall be provided in the form of individual student records and shall include without limitation information regarding:

(A) State-supported student financial assistance;

(B) Demographic student data; and

(C) Disaggregated data on remedial courses.

(b) The department shall establish by rule the:

(1) Specific data required;

(2) Manner of reporting the information required; and

(3) Technology or software required for reporting.

(c) The department shall use the information provided under this section to conduct the research and analysis needed to support the annual report of the Director of the Department of Higher Education to the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee under § 6-85-205.

6-85-217. Information provided to the bureau by the Department of Higher Education.

(a)(1) The Department of Higher Education shall provide to the Bureau of Legislative Research the following data when requested for the purpose of assisting the General Assembly with evaluation and analysis under this subchapter:

(A) Existing individual student data;

(B) Institutional data;

(C) Financial data;

(D) Aggregate student scholarship and grant application and award data; and

(E) Other data needed to track scholarship and grant students from year to year.

(b)(1) To maintain confidentiality of individual student records in accordance with the Family Educational Right to Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, the Department of Higher Education shall establish a system for removing or recoding any personally identifiable student data in student records that are used by the bureau for research and evaluation of scholarships and grants funded with net proceeds from the state lottery and those funded with nonlottery state educational resources.

(2) The bureau shall assist the Department of Higher Education by providing input concerning the development or modification of the system.

(3)(A) The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research may seek an opinion from Family Policy Compliance Office of the United States Department of Education concerning the department's system, any proposed modification of the system, or any request for information made by the bureau under this section.

(B) The director may request the Department of Higher

Education to seek the opinion on behalf of the bureau.

(c) The Department of Higher Education shall make its staff reasonably accessible for consultation with the bureau's staff in developing and responding appropriately to bureau requests under this section.

(d)(1) The Department of Higher Education shall provide data to the bureau in a database or spreadsheet format.

(2) The Department of Higher Education shall provide other information and records requested by the bureau as soon as possible and in whatever reasonable form requested.

(e)(1) The student data provided to the bureau under this section are not subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.

(2) The bureau shall not release any personally identifiable student data received under this section.

(f) The bureau's staff shall inform the Department of Higher Education of any data used in the preparation of reports and provide the department at least two (2) working days to review any student-related data used in preparation of reports before publicly releasing that student-related data without personally identifiable student data.

6-85-218. Advisory council.

(a) An advisory council is created to provide recommendations to the Department of Higher Education and the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee for the implementation of this subchapter.

(b) The advisory council shall be composed of the members determined under subsection (c) of this section and:

(1) One (1) member of the House of Representatives selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(2) One (1) member of the Senate selected by the Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

(3) The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research, or his or her designee.

(c) The Department of Higher Education shall determine the remaining composition of the advisory council, which shall include without limitation representation from:

(1) The department;

(2) Institutions of higher education eligible to become approved for participation in the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program Part 2;

(3) Professional associations for student financial aid administration

and student services officers; and

(4) Any other group the department deems advisable.

(d) The director or his or her designee shall serve as chair of the advisory council and shall call meetings as need to fulfill the purpose of the advisory council.

(e) Members of the advisory council shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed by the department for reasonable travel expenses incurred to attend meetings.

(f) By August 1, 2009, and as requested thereafter, the advisory council shall report its recommendations to the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee.

6-85-219. Reports to legislative committees.

(a)(1) Quarterly during fiscal years 2010 and 2011, the Department of Higher Education shall report to the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee:

(A) The information required by subsection (b) of this section to the extent the information is available;

(B) The costs of administering scholarships funded with net proceeds from the state lottery;

(C) Projected levels of state funding for scholarships and grants;

(D) Recommendations for changes to the program, including without limitation, adjustments to eligibility requirements of the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program and award levels; and

(E) Other data the committee or the General Assembly may require.

(2) The Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee may specify criteria related to any item of information required by this section.

(b)(1) Annually by July 1, the department shall report to the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee in the manner and format that the committee requires on all state-supported student financial assistance awarded by the department and awarded by approved institutions of higher education.

(2) The information provided shall include without limitation:

(A) Current year expenditures for scholarships and grants under the program;

(B) Projected obligations for succeeding years from each scholarship or grant funding source;

(C) Fund balances for the:

(i) Higher Education Grants Fund Account; and

(ii) Trust accounts maintained by the Director of the Department of Higher Education to hold the net proceeds from the state lottery;

(D) An evaluation of whether the net proceeds from the state lottery available for the program supplements and does not supplant nonlottery state educational resources;

(F) Recommendations for changes to the program, including without limitation:

(i) Adjustments to the eligibility requirements of the program; and

(ii) Increases or decreases in the amounts awarded for an Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship based on the amount of net proceeds from the state lottery available; and

(H) Any other information that the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee or the General Assembly may request.

(c) The department shall report to the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee, the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education, and the Joint Budget Committee on the compliance with § 6-85-216 by each approved institution of higher education.

(d) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall report to the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee, the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education, and the Joint Budget Committee on:

(1) The compliance with § 6-85-216 by approved institutions of higher education; and

(2) The status of reporting by the department under § 6-85-217. 6-85-220. Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee - Annual report.

(a) The Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee shall:

(1) Oversee the development and implementation of Arkansas Code requirements with regard to the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program;

(2) Review whether and how the use of net state lottery proceeds helps to accomplish state objectives for higher education;

(3) Review the ongoing data collection, research, and evaluation of the program;

(4) Review the annual report of the Director of the Department of Higher Education under this section;

(5) Review and recommend changes to the:

(A) Number of awards for each scholarship and grant;

(B) Award levels;

(C) Eligibility requirements; and

(D) Overall administration of the program; and

(6) Review and recommend policies for scholarships and grants funded with nonlottery state educational resources, including without limitation ways to ensure that net proceeds from the state lottery are used to supplement and not supplant nonlottery state educational resources.

(b) By November 1 of each year, the committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Arkansas Lottery Commission, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Governor, the House Committee on Education, and the Senate Committee on Education.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 5, Subchapter 4 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-5-405. Professional development for higher education awareness.

(a) As used in this section, "state-supported student financial assistance" means:

(1) A state-supported scholarship or grant awarded by the Department of Higher Education; and

(2) A scholarship, grant, or tuition waiver awarded by an institution of higher education in this state funded in whole or in part with state funds.

(b) Beginning with the 2009 calendar year, professional development on the availability of, eligibility requirements for, and the process of applying for state-supported student financial assistance shall be required for:

(1) All public school superintendents and assistant superintendents;
and

(2) The following licensed personnel at a public school where students are enrolled in grade seven through grade twelve (7-12):

(A) Principals;

(B) Assistant principals; and

(C) Guidance counselors.

(c)(1) The first course shall be a three-hour course to be taken within calendar year 2009, or within the first year of employment.

(2) After the first three-hour course is completed, a one-hour course is required to be completed annually.

(d) The professional development hours required under this section shall be counted toward the sixty (60) hours of the professional development required for

licensed school personnel under the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.

SECTION 6. TEMPORARY. DO NOT CODIFY. The General Assembly requests that:

(1) The Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators and the Arkansas Education Association, in cooperation with the Department of Higher Education, each provide three (3) hours of professional development on the availability of, eligibility requirements for, and the process of applying for state-supported student financial assistance for higher education at the respective association's annual convention, beginning with the 2009 annual convention;

(2) The Arkansas School Boards Association provide continuing education on the availability of, eligibility requirements for, and the process of applying for s state-supported student financial assistance for higher education at its meetings; and

(3) The Arkansas Education Television Network, in coordination with the Department of Higher Education, prepare a program of three (3) hours of professional development to be available during 2009 covering the availability, eligibility requirements for, and the process of applying for state-supported student financial assistance for higher education.

SECTION 7. TEMPORARY. DO NOT CODIFY.

(a) The Director of the Department of Higher Education shall determine the amount of excess net proceeds from the state lottery by calculating the difference between:

(1) The amount committed to scholarships awarded under the Academic Challenge Scholarship Program — Part 1 and the scholarships for traditional students and nontraditional students under the Academic Challenge Scholarship Program — Part 2; and

(2) The amount of net proceeds from the state lottery reasonably projected for the 2010-2011 academic year as determined by the director after consultation with the Arkansas Lottery Commission, Legislative Oversight Committee, the House Committee on Education, and the Senate Committee on Education.

(b) The amount of excess net proceeds from the state lottery shall only be available for one (1) or more of the following:

(1) Awarding scholarships to students near completion;

(2) Increasing state-supported student financial assistance under the Higher Education Opportunities Grant Program, § 6-82-1701 et seq. and the Workforce Improvement Grant Program, § 6-82-1601 et seq., or other state-

supported student financial assistance programs for nontraditional students; or

(3) Establishing a reserve fund.

(c) By July 15, 2010, the Director of the Department of Higher Education shall prepare a report on the projected distribution of excess net proceeds from the state lottery based on:

(1) The award amounts set by the General Assembly in February 2010 under this act;

(2) The amount of excess net proceeds from the state lottery reasonably projected to be available for funding scholarships under this act;

(3) The number of applications accepted for the 2010-2011 academic year under this act;

(4) The number of applicants on the waiting lists for scholarships to be awarded under this act;

(5) Of the applicants on the waiting list, whether the applicants are traditional students, nontraditional students, or students near completion;

(d) The director shall provide the report to the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee, the House Committee on Education, and the Senate Committee on Education for review.

(e)(1) The department shall maintain a list of students near completion and shall award scholarships first in order of those nearest completion.

(2) The amount of the award per student per year shall be determined by dividing the number of hours until completion by thirty (30) and multiplying by the amount the legislature sets for the award for baccalaureate students.

(3) The amount of the award for associate degree students shall be determined by dividing the number of hours until completion by fifteen (15) and multiplying by the amount the legislature sets for two-year students.

SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 6-61-220(b), concerning the reporting of students who require remediation in their first year of postsecondary education, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(3)(A) For the purpose of analysis by the Bureau of Legislative Research to guide the General Assembly's evaluation of the need for adjustments to eligibility and funding levels for state-supported student financial assistance, the Office of Accountability of the Department of Education shall provide annually to the bureau all individual student demographic and test result data on ACT or ACT equivalent college placement exams.

(B) The office shall provide the data in a database or spreadsheet format that omits personally identifiable information.

SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 3-4-404(21), concerning Class B violations by

holders of alcoholic beverages permits, is amended to read as follows:

(21)(A) Conducting or permitting gambling on premises.

(B) Conducting or permitting gambling under subdivision

(21)(A) of this section does not include:

(i) Charitable bingo and raffles under the Charitable Bingo and Raffles Enabling Act, § 23-114-101 et seq.; or

(ii) A lottery under the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act, § 23-115-101 et seq.;

SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 3-5-221 (d)(1)(A), concerning prohibited practices under laws pertaining to beer and light wine, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) It shall be unlawful for a licensee or for any agent, servant, or employee of a licensee:

(A)(i) To suffer or permit any dice to be thrown for money or for anything of value or to suffer or permit gambling with cards, dominoes, raffle, or other games of chance or any form of gambling in the place designated by the license or in any booth, room, yard, garden, or other place appurtenant thereto.

(ii) Forms of gambling under subdivision (d)(1)(A)(i) of this section do not include:

(a) Charitable bingo and raffles under the Charitable Bingo and Raffles Enabling Act, § 23-114-101 et seq.; or

(b) A lottery under the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act, § 23-115-101 et seq.;

SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 3-5-307(5), concerning certain prohibited practices under laws pertaining to beer, is amended to read as follows:

(5)(A) Permit gambling or games of chance upon the licensed premises.

(B) Permitting gambling or games of chance under subdivision (5)(A) of this section does not include:

(i) Charitable bingo and raffles under the Charitable Bingo and Raffles Enabling Act, § 23-114-101 et seq.; or

(ii) A lottery under the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act, § 23-115-101 et seq.;

SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 3-9-236(15), concerning miscellaneous unlawful practices by on-premises consumption permit holders, is amended to read as follows:

(15)(A) Keep on the permitted premises a slot machine or any gambling or gaming device, machine, or apparatus, except as provided in

~~subdivision (15)(B)~~ subdivisions (15)(B)-(C) of this section.

(B)(i) An event held by a nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under § 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) shall be exempt from subdivision (15)(A) of this section if:

(i)(a) The nonprofit organization registers the event with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division at least sixty (60) days before the event;

(ii)(b) All proceeds of the event are for the benefit of the nonprofit organization;

(iii)(c) The games in the event do not use money but may use some form of play money;

(iv)(d) No cash or any other item of value is won or awarded as a prize; and

(v)(e) The event is for amusement and not for gambling purposes in violation of Arkansas law or Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, § 14.

~~(C)(i)(ii)(a)~~ This ~~section~~ subdivision (15)(B) shall apply to only one (1) event held by a nonprofit organization during a calendar year.

(ii)(b) No licensed premises shall be allowed more than ten (10) events under this subdivision (15)(B) per calendar year.

~~(D)(i)(iii)(a)~~ A violation of this ~~section~~ subdivision (15)(B) by a nonprofit organization is a misdemeanor violation and is punishable by a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

(ii)(b) If a nonprofit organization commits a second violation of this subdivision (15)(B), the nonprofit organization shall be ineligible to sponsor an event under this ~~section~~ subdivision (15)(B).

~~(E)(iv)~~ The division may promulgate appropriate rules to carry out the intent of this subdivision (15)(B).

(C) A gambling or a gaming device, machine, or apparatus under subdivision (15)(A) of this section do not include:

(i) Charitable bingo and raffles under the Charitable Bingo and Raffles Enabling Act, § 23-114-101 et seq.; or

(ii) A lottery under the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act, § 23-115-101 et seq.;

SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 10-3-314 is amended to read as follows:

10-3-314. Report on claim filed with State Claims Commission.

(a) ~~‡~~ Except as provided by subsection (b) of this section, it is the intent of the General Assembly that when any state agency, board, commission, or institution

of higher education admits liability to a claim filed with the State Claims Commission and the claim involves a contract with a state agency, board, commission, or institution of higher education or the claim exceeds seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) that such agency, board, commission, or institution of higher education file a written report thereof with the Litigation Subcommittee of the Legislative Council. The report shall include a concise statement of facts with an explanation of the agency's liability. Provided further, such report shall be filed with the litigation subcommittee within thirty (30) days after the claim has been adjudicated by the State Claims Commission.

(b) The Arkansas Lottery Commission shall file its written report under subsection (a) of this section with the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee.

SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 19-4-201(b)(2), concerning budget requests for certain agencies, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Budget requests for administration and operation of the legislative branch, the judicial branch, the elective constitutional offices, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, the Arkansas Lottery Commission, and the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission shall be submitted directly to the Legislative Council without any recommendation by the Governor.

SECTION 15. Arkansas Code § 19-4-607(a), concerning the review and approval of annual operations plans, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Each state agency other than the elected constitutional officers, the legislative branch and its staff offices, the judicial branch and its staff offices, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, the Arkansas Lottery Commission, the state-supported institutions of higher education, and the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission shall prepare an annual operations plan for the operation of each of its assigned programs for submission to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

SECTION 16. Arkansas Code § 19-4-801(2)(B), concerning the definition of "state agency" as applied to the expenditure of cash funds, is amended to read as follows:

(B) "State agency" shall not include the:

- (i) Governor;
- (ii) Secretary of State;
- (iii) Attorney General;
- (iv) Treasurer of State;
- (v) Auditor of State;
- (vi) Commissioner of State Lands;

(vii) Supreme Court and its justices;
 (viii) Circuit courts and circuit judges;
 (ix) Prosecuting attorneys;
 (x) Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission;
 (xi) Arkansas State Highway and Transportation
 Department;

(xii)(a) Arkansas Lottery Commission.

(b) However, the Arkansas Lottery Commission shall be considered a state agency for the purposes of §§ 19-4-810 - 19-4-1816;

~~(xii)~~(xiii) General Assembly; and

~~(xiii)~~(xiv) Respective staffs of ~~these~~ the officers and agencies listed in this subdivision (2)(B).

SECTION 17. Arkansas Code § 19-4-1303 is amended to read as follows:

19-4-1303. Exemptions.

Funds disbursed by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, ~~and~~ the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, and the Arkansas Lottery Commission and the funds appropriated in the general appropriation bill provided for in the Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 30, shall be exempt from this subchapter.

SECTION 18. Arkansas Code § 19-4-1415(b)(5), concerning certain exemptions for the construction of buildings and facilities, is amended to read as follows:

(5) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, ~~and~~ the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University, and the Arkansas Lottery Commission shall be exempt from review and approval by the authority and any regulations promulgated by it, provided that the institutions shall have adopted policies and procedures involving the awarding and oversight of the contracts for design and construction services.

SECTION 19. Arkansas Code § 19-4-1612(b)(2), concerning overtime pay for state employees, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State will specify those specific employees or groups of employees other than employees of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and the Arkansas Lottery Commission eligible to receive overtime compensation, the circumstances under which overtime pay is to be allowed, and such other matters which the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may deem appropriate and necessary to comply with the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act as regards the payment of overtime compensation.

(B) The Director of the Arkansas State Highway and

Transportation Department shall make these determinations as to employees of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department.

(C) The Director of the Arkansas Lottery Commission shall make these determinations as to employees of the Arkansas Lottery Commission.

SECTION 20. Arkansas Code § 19-11-203(14)(Z) and (A)(A), concerning the definition of exempt commodities and services, is amended to read as follows:

(Z) Capital improvements valued at less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), subject to minimum standards and criteria of the Arkansas Building Authority; ~~and~~

(AA) Services related to work force development, incumbent work force training, or specialized business or industry training; and

(BB) Major procurement contracts of the Arkansas Lottery Commission under § 23-115-103.

SECTION 21. Arkansas Code § 19-11-220(a), concerning agency procurement officials, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In addition to any state agency authorized by regulation to have an agency procurement official, each of the following state agencies may elect to have such an official for commodities, technical and general services, and professional and consultant services, which are not within the exclusive jurisdiction of the State Procurement Director and which are not under state contract:

- (1) Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department;
- (2) Arkansas Lottery Commission;
- ~~(2)~~(3) Arkansas State University-Beebe;
- ~~(3)~~(4) Arkansas State University;
- ~~(4)~~(5) Arkansas State University System;
- ~~(5)~~(6) Arkansas Tech University;
- ~~(6)~~(7) Henderson State University;
- ~~(7)~~(8) Southern Arkansas University;
- ~~(8)~~(9) University of Arkansas at Fayetteville;
- ~~(9)~~(10) University of Arkansas Fund entities;
- ~~(10)~~(11) University of Arkansas at Little Rock;
- ~~(11)~~(12) University of Arkansas at Monticello;
- ~~(12)~~(13) University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff;
- ~~(13)~~(14) University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;
- ~~(14)~~(15) University of Central Arkansas;
- ~~(15)~~(16) Arkansas State University-Mountain Home;
- ~~(16)~~(17) Arkansas State University-Newport;
- ~~(17)~~(18) Black River Technical College;

~~(18)~~(19) Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas;
~~(19)~~(20) East Arkansas Community College;
~~(20)~~(21) National Park Community College;
~~(21)~~(22) Arkansas Northeastern College;
~~(22)~~(23) Mid-South Community College;
~~(23)~~(24) North Arkansas College;
~~(24)~~(25) Northwest Arkansas Community College;
~~(25)~~(26) Ouachita Technical College;
~~(26)~~(27) Ozarka College;
~~(27)~~(28) Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas;
~~(28)~~(29) University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton;
~~(29)~~(30) Pulaski Technical College;
~~(30)~~(31) Rich Mountain Community College;
~~(31)~~(32) SAU-Tech;
~~(32)~~(33) Southeast Arkansas College;
~~(33)~~(34) South Arkansas Community College;
~~(34)~~(35) University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville;
~~(35)~~(36) University of Arkansas Community College at Hope;
~~(36)~~(37) University of Arkansas at Fort Smith; and
~~(37)~~(38) Department of Higher Education.

SECTION 22. Arkansas Code § 19-11-1003, concerning exemptions from laws pertaining to professional and consultant services contracts, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(d) This subchapter does not apply to major procurement contracts of the Arkansas Lottery Commission under § 23-115-103.

SECTION 23. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 11, Subchapter 11 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

19-11-1103. Exemptions.

This subchapter does not apply to major procurement contracts of the Arkansas Lottery Commission under § 23-115-103.

SECTION 24. Arkansas Code § 26-18-1001, concerning business closure authority and notice, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e) After written notice delivered to a lottery retailer by the United States Postal Service or by hand delivery, the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration may pursue a remedy under this subchapter against a lottery retailer as a noncompliant taxpayer upon receiving a referral from the Arkansas Lottery Commission under § 23-115-605.

SECTION 25. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE COFIDIED. (a)

Initial appointments to the Arkansas Lottery Commission under § 23-115-202 shall be made within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act.

(b) The Arkansas Lottery Commission shall hold its first meeting within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of this act.

SECTION 26. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable under § 1-2-117.

SECTION 27. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the people of the State of Arkansas overwhelmingly approved the establishment of lotteries at the 2008 General Election; that lotteries will provide funding for scholarships to the citizens of this state; that the failure to immediately implement this act will cause a reduction in lottery proceeds that will harm the educational and economic success of potential students eligible to receive scholarships under the act; and that the state lotteries should be implemented as soon as possible to effectuate the will of the citizens of this state and implement lottery-funded scholarships as soon as possible. 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/ Robbie Wills

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Allen, **HOUSE BILL NO. 2160** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2160

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 2160** as originally introduced:

Page 2, line 6, delete "(1)" and substitute "(1)(A)"

AND

Page 2, delete line 8 and substitute the following:

"missile.

(B) "Imitation gun" does not include an imitation or replica firearm that was manufactured in or before 1898; and"

AND

Page 2, line 9, delete "and" and substitute "an"

/s/ Fred Allen

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Saunders, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1485** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1485

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1485** as originally introduced:

Page 26, delete lines 6 through 9 and substitute the following:

"(d)(1) If a poll worker fails to appear at his or her designated polling place at the time designated by the county board of election commissioners on election day, the county board of election commissioners may appoint a qualified person to replace the absent poll worker.

(2) However, if the absent poll worker was recommended by the minority party representative to the county board of election commissioners, then the minority party representative may recommend a qualified person to replace the absent poll worker and the county board of election commissioners shall appoint that

person as the replacement."

AND

Page 28, line 33, delete "delegate all its" and substitute "delegate any of its"

AND

Page 31, delete line 18 and substitute the following:

"Election Commissioners.

(7)(A) Each county board of election commissioners shall certify to the State Board of Election Commissioners the amount of compensation paid to the county election coordinator for services related to elections.

(B)(i) A county that receives reimbursement for general election expenses exceeding the amount of compensation paid to the county election coordinator for services related to elections shall spend an amount equal to the excess for the improvement of the administration of elections in that county.

(ii) The county board of election commissioners of a county receiving excess reimbursement shall certify compliance with the requirement of subdivision (d)(7)(B)(i) of this section to the State Board of Election Commissioners in a manner prescribed by the State Board of Election Commissioners.

(iii) Failure to comply with the requirements of subdivision (d)(7)(B)(i) of this section shall result in the county forfeiting all or part of its reimbursement for the next state-funded election.

(C) The State Board of Election Commissioners shall promulgate rules for administering the requirements of this subdivision (d)(7), including without limitation rules concerning determining excess payments and proper expenditures for excess payments and setting the dates for certification of compensation and compliance."

AND

Page 34, line 25, delete "(a)(1)" and substitute "(a)(1)(A)"

AND

Page 34, delete line 31 and substitute the following:

"registered voter of the county.

(B) An election judge, election sheriff, election clerk, or a member of the county board of election commissioners who is an employee of the United States, the State of Arkansas, or any city shall be disqualified if challenged by a registered voter of the county."

AND

Page 40, delete lines 33 through 36

AND

Page 41, delete lines 1 and 2

AND

Page 41, line 4, delete "7-4-126" and substitute "7-4-125"

AND

Page 42, line 21, delete "7-4-127" and substitute "7-4-126"

AND

Page 43, line 36, delete "7-4-128" and substitute "7-4-127"

AND

Page 44, delete lines 17 through 36 and substitute the following:

"(a)(1) The cost of general elections shall be borne by the State of Arkansas.

(2) All expenses The cost of general elections for presidential, congressional, state, district, county, township, or municipal offices in this state shall be paid by the counties in which they are held paid from an appropriation made to the State Board of Election Commissioners for that purpose.

(2)(3) However, any city or incorporated town shall reimburse the county board of election commissioners for the expenses of the elections in an amount equal to a figure derived by multiplying fifty percent (50%) of the total cost of each election by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of voters from the city or incorporated town casting ballots in each election prepared by the county board, and the denominator of which shall be the total number of voters casting ballots in each election the State Board of Election Commissioners may withhold reimbursement of funds to the counties for state-funded elections for failure to comply with the rules developed by the State Board of Election Commissioners for the administration of elections or applicable state election laws until all requirements are met to the satisfaction of the State Board of Election Commissioners.

(4) The State Board of Election Commissioners may adopt rules for the administration and compensation of elections consistent with this chapter."

AND

Page 45, delete line 2 and substitute "~~201 et seq., all expenses~~ Expenses for special elections, including runoff"

AND

Page 45, line 29, add an additional section to read as follows:

"SECTION 4. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE-DO NOT CODIFY. (a) This act shall not be effective unless appropriation and funding is authorized by law in the amount of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) to the State Board of Election Commissioners to reimburse the counties for costs of conducting general elections.

(b) The requirement of § 7-4-112(a) is not mandatory until funding is provided for that purpose."

/s/ Rick Saunders

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Abernathy, **HOUSE BILL NO. 2066** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2066

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 2066** as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute the following language:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(a)(4) concerning the foundation aid calculation is amended to add the following subdivisions:

(C)(i) Data to verify the timely receipt of revenues applicable to the required ninety-eight percent (98%) of the uniform rate of tax multiplied by the property assessment of the school district shall be collected annually by the Department of Education in cooperation with the Assessment Coordination Department.

(ii)(a) Data may be appropriately adjusted by the Department of Education if it is determined that irregular distributions by a county treasurer of excess commissions cause a school district's property tax collection rate from the uniform rate of tax to exceed ninety-eight percent (98%).

(b) The Department of Education may adjust the uniform rate of tax from an irregular distribution to an amount not in excess of ninety-eight percent (98%) and apply the excess distribution amount the following school year.

(iii) Evidence of irregular distributions shall be in the form required by the Department of Education.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the

General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that accurate information is required to determine the correct funding for school districts; that variances in the distribution of excess commission payments to school districts can cause aberrations in revenue levels; and that this act is immediately necessary to ensure a school district receives all funds it is entitled to and is not penalized for irregularities in the distribution of excess commission payments. 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/ Bill Abernathy

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative D. Creekmore, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1578** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1578

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1578** as engrossed,

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Page 7, delete lines 18 through 22 and substitute:

"(4) Incest, § 5-26-202; or

(5) Engaging children in sexually explicit conduct for use in visual or print medium, § 5-27-303."

AND

Page 7, delete lines 27 through 29 and substitute:

"(2) The court may require ~~that~~ a juvenile to register as a sex offender upon recommendation of the Sex Offender Assessment Committee and following a hearing ~~as set forth in~~ under subsection (e) of this section."

AND

Page 8, delete lines 10 through 14 and substitute:

“(3) Upon completion, a sex offender screening and risk assessment or a reassessment of a sex offender screening and risk assessment under this section shall be sent to the court, the prosecuting attorney, and the juvenile’s attorney and notification shall be sent to the juvenile and the juvenile’s parent, guardian, or custodian that the assessment or reassessment has been sent to the court.”

AND

Page 8, delete lines 15 through 19 and substitute:

~~“(d) Following a sex offender screening and risk assessment, the prosecutor may file a motion to request that a juvenile register as a sex offender at any time while the court has jurisdiction of the delinquency case if a juvenile is found delinquent for any of the offenses listed in subsection (a) of this section~~ Following a sex offender screening and risk assessment, the prosecutor may file a motion to request that a juvenile register as a sex offender at any time while the court has jurisdiction of the delinquency case if a juvenile is found delinquent for any of the offenses listed in subsection (a) of this section or under subdivision (b)(2) of this section.”

AND

Page 9, line 32, delete “(1)”

Page 9, delete lines 34 through 36 and substitute:

“has jurisdiction over the juvenile or when the juvenile turns twenty-one (21) years of age, whichever is later.”

AND

Page 10, delete lines 1 through 3

AND

Page 10, line 5, delete “before the”

AND

Page 10, line 6, delete “juvenile reaches twenty-one (21) years of age”

AND

Page 18, delete lines 4 through 14 and substitute:

“(b)(1) A juvenile adjudicated delinquent of a sex offense in another jurisdiction by that jurisdiction’s juvenile court system and required to register as a sex offender in that jurisdiction who moves to this state shall be required to register as a sex offender whether living, working, attending school or other training in this state.

(2) A juvenile required to register under subdivision (b)(1) of this section is subject to the same registration requirements found in § 9-27-356(k).

(3) A juvenile required to register under subdivision (b)(1) of this section is subject to registration for the period of time prescribed in § 9-27-356(j) or the registration time required by the adjudicating jurisdiction, whichever is greater.

AND

Page 18, delete lines 15 through 18

AND

Page 18, line 19, delete "(d)" and substitute "(c)"

AND

Page 18, line 23, delete "(e)" and substitute "(d)"

AND

Page 18, line 34, delete "(f)" and substitute "(e)"

AND

Page 34, line 18, delete "three (3)" and substitute "~~three (3)~~ ten (10)"

AND

Page 34, line 26 delete "~~ten (10)~~" and substitute "ten (10)"

AND

Page 34, line 27, delete "three (3)"

AND

Page 35, line 6, delete "~~ten (10) days~~" and substitute "ten (10) days"

AND

Page 35, line 16, delete "~~ten (10) days before~~ three (3) business days after" and substitute "ten (10) days before"

/s/ Dawn Creekmore

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw

Chief Clerk

***** EXPUNGED ***** 03/17/09 *****

Upon motion of Representative Hyde, HOUSE BILL NO. 2071 was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2071

Amend HOUSE BILL NO. 2071 as originally introduced:

Delete the title in its entirety and substitute:

"AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT A CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY DOES NOT CONVEY TO THE BUYER AN INTEREST IN THE MINERAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE REAL PROPERTY UNTIL THE REAL PROPERTY IS CONVEYED BY DEED OR UNLESS AGREED OTHERWISE IN WRITING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO CLARIFY THAT A CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY DOES NOT CONVEY TO THE BUYER AN INTEREST IN THE MINERAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE REAL PROPERTY UNTIL THE REAL PROPERTY IS CONVEYED BY DEED OR UNLESS AGREED OTHERWISE IN WRITING."

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 18, Chapter 12, Subchapter 1 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

18-12-107. Effect of a contract for the sale of real estate.

A contract for the sale of real property, including without limitation mineral rights, does not convey to the buyer an interest in the mineral rights or mineral development of the real property:

(1) Until the real property is conveyed by deed to the buyer upon final payment; or

(2) Unless the seller and the buyer agree otherwise in writing."

/s/ Barry Hyde

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw

Chief Clerk

***** EXPUNGED ***** 03/17/09 *****

Upon motion of Representative Hyde, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1694** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1694

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1694** as originally introduced:

Delete the title of the bill and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND REGULATION OF APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES; TO MAKE CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE ARKANSAS APPRAISER LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION ACT, § 17-14-101 ET SEQ.; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete SECTION 1 in its entirety and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 14 is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER 4

APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY REGISTRATION ACT

17-14-401. Short title.

This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Appraisal Management Company Registration Act".

17-14-402. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Appraisal management company" means a person that performs the actions necessary to administer a network of state-licensed appraisers to fulfill requests for appraisal management services on behalf of a client, including without limitation:

(A) Recruiting appraisers;

(B) Contracting with appraisers to perform appraisal services;

(C) Negotiating fees with appraisers;

(D) Receiving appraisal orders and appraisal reports;

(E) Submitting appraisal reports received from appraisers to the company's clients; and

(F) Providing related administrative and clerical duties.

(2) "Appraisal management services" means conducting business by telephone, by electronic means, by mail, or in person directly or indirectly for compensation or other pecuniary gain or in the expectation of compensation or other pecuniary gain to:

(A) Solicit, accept, or offer to accept a request for appraisal services; or

(B) Employ or contract with a licensed or certified appraiser to perform appraisal services;

(3) "Appraisal services" means the practice of developing an opinion of the value of real property in conformance with the minimum reporting standards under § 17-14-202(b);

(4) "Appraiser" means an individual licensed under the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., who for a fee or other consideration develops and communicates a real estate appraisal or otherwise gives an opinion of the value of real estate or any interest in real estate;

(5) "Appraiser panel" means a group of independent appraisers that have been selected by an appraisal management company to perform appraisal services for the appraisal management company;

(6) "Client" means a person that contracts with or otherwise enters into an agreement with an appraisal management company for the performance of appraisal services;

(7) "Controlling person" or "managing principal" means an individual employed, appointed, or authorized by an appraisal management company to contract with clients or independent appraisers for the performance of appraisal services;

(8) "Person" means an individual, a partnership, a limited liability company, a limited partnership, a corporation, an association, or other organization; and

(9) "Registrant" means an appraisal management company or person that is registered under this subchapter.

17-14-403. Registration of appraisal management companies required.

A person shall not act as an appraisal management company or perform appraisal management services in this state unless registered by the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

17-14-404. Rulemaking authority.

(a) The Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board may adopt rules to implement, administer, and enforce this subchapter, including without limitation to prescribe:

(1) Forms and procedures for submitting information to the board;

(2) Standards of practice for a person registered under this subchapter; and

(3) Standards for the operation of appraisal management companies.

17-14-405. Requirements for registration.

(a) Before acting or offering to act as an appraisal management company in this state, a person shall make written application to the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board for registration accompanied by the fee and bond established by the board.

(b) The application shall include without limitation the following information:

(1) The name, business address, and telephone contact information of the person seeking registration;

(2)(A) If the applicant is a domestic organization, the information required by § 4-20-105(a) to designate an agent for service of process; or

(B)(i) If the applicant is a foreign organization, documentation that the foreign organization is authorized to transact business in this state and has appointed an agent for service of process by submitting a copy of:

(a) The company's filing with the Secretary of State appointing an agent for service of process under § 4-20-112; and

(b) A certificate of authority issued by the Secretary of State.

(ii) A foreign organization's failure to comply with subdivision (b)(2)(B)(i) of this section may result in rejecting the application;

(3) The name, address, and contact information of any person that owns ten percent (10%) or more of the appraisal management company;

(4) The name, address, and contact information of a controlling person or a managing principal;

(5) A certification that the person:

(A) Has a system and process in place to verify that a person being added to the appraiser panel of the appraisal management company holds a license in good standing in this state under the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq.;

(B) Has a system in place to review the work of all independent appraisers that are performing appraisal services for the appraisal management company on a periodic basis to ensure that the appraisal services are being conducted in accordance with the minimum reporting standards under § 17-14-202(b); and

(C) Maintains a detailed record of each request for appraisal services that it receives and the independent appraiser that performs the appraisal services for the appraisal management company; and

(6) Any other information required by the board.

(c) The board shall issue a certificate of registration to an applicant authorizing the applicant to act or offer to act as an appraisal management company in this state upon:

(1) Receipt of a properly completed application;

(2) Payment of the required fee;

(3) Posting of a bond; and

(4) A determination by the board that the activities of the applicant will be directed and conducted by persons of good moral character.

(d)(1) If the board finds that there is substantial reason to deny the application for registration, the board shall notify the applicant that the application has been denied and shall afford the applicant an opportunity for a hearing before the board to show cause why the application should not be denied.

(2) All proceedings concerning the denial of a certificate of registration shall be governed by the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-101 et seq.

(e) The acceptance by the board of an application for registration does not constitute the approval of its contents or waive the authority of the board to take disciplinary action under this subchapter.

17-14-406. Fees and renewals.

(a) The Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board shall establish by rule a filing fee not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) to be paid by each appraisal management company seeking registration under this subchapter.

(b)(1) In addition to the filing fee, each applicant for registration shall post with the board and maintain a surety bond in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).

(2) The bond shall:

(A) Be in the form prescribed by rule of the board; and

(B) Accrue to the state for the benefit of a claimant against the registrant to secure the faithful performance of the registrant's obligations under this subchapter.

(3) The aggregate liability of the surety shall not exceed the principal sum of the bond.

(4) A party having a claim against the registrant may bring suit directly on the surety bond, or the board may bring suit on behalf of the party having a claim against the registrant.

(5) Consumer claims are given priority in recovering from the bond.

(6) A deposit of cash or security may be accepted in lieu of the surety bond.

(7) A claim reducing the face amount of the bond shall be annually restored upon renewal of the registrant's registration.

(c)(1) Registrations issued under this subchapter shall be renewed annually beginning twelve (12) months from the date of issuance.

(2)(A) Failure to timely renew a registration shall result in a loss of authority to operate under this subchapter.

(B) A request to reinstate a certificate of registration shall be accompanied by payment of a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50) for each month of delinquency.

17-14-407. Registrant responsibilities and duties.

(a) A registrant that is an organization shall:

(1) Maintain a registered agent for service of process under the Model Registered Agents Act, § 4-20-101 et seq.; and

(2) Provide to the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board the information required by § 4-20-105(a) concerning the organization's agent for service of process and within five (5) business days any changes to the information.

(b)(1) A registrant shall maintain or cause to be maintained complete records of requests for appraisal services referred to an appraiser licensed or certified by the board, including without limitation records pertaining to the acceptance of fees from borrowers or clients and payments to appraisers.

(2) The board may inspect the records without prior notice periodically or if the board determines that the records are pertinent to an investigation of a complaint against a registrant.

(c)(1) A registrant shall designate a controlling person or managing principal responsible for ensuring compliance with this subchapter.

(2) The registrant shall file a form with the board certifying:

(A) The identity of the controlling person or the managing principal; and

(B) The individual's acceptance of the responsibilities of a controlling person or a managing principal.

(3) The registrant shall notify the board within thirty (30) days of a change in its controlling person or managing principal.

(4) An individual registrant who operates as a sole proprietorship is considered the managing principal under this subchapter.

(d)(1) A registrant shall make and keep the accounts, correspondence, memoranda, papers, books, and other records in accordance with rules promulgated by the board.

(2) All records shall be retained for five (5) years unless the board by rule prescribes a different retention period for particular types of records.

(e) If the information contained in a document filed with the board is or becomes inaccurate or incomplete in any material respect, the registrant shall promptly file an amendment correcting the information contained in the document.

(f) The registrant shall disclose to its client the actual fees paid to an appraiser for appraisal services separately from any other fees or charges for appraisal management services.

17-14-408. Prohibited activities.

(a) An employee, director, officer, or agent of an appraisal management company or any other third party acting as a joint venture partner with or independent contractor for an appraisal management company shall not improperly influence or attempt to improperly influence the development, reporting, result, or review of a real estate appraisal, including without limitation through the use of intimidation, coercion, extortion, bribery, blackmail, threat of nonpayment or withholding payment for appraisal services, or threat of exclusion from future appraisal work.

(b) The registrant shall not:

(1) Require an appraiser to collect the appraisal fee from a borrower, homeowner, or other third party;

(2) Hire, employ, or in any way contract with or pay a real estate broker to perform a broker's price opinion or comparative market analysis unless the broker's price opinion or comparative market analysis will be performed only for listing or selling property that the registrant owns;

(3) Require an appraiser to provide the registrant with the appraiser's digital signature or seal;

(4) Alter, amend, or change an appraisal report submitted by a licensed or certified appraiser including without limitation by:

(A) Removing the appraiser's signature or seal; or

(B) Adding or removing information to or from the appraisal report;

(5)(A) Allow the removal of an independent appraiser from an appraiser panel without prior written notice to the appraiser.

(B) Written notice shall include written evidence of:

(i) The appraiser's illegal conduct;

(ii) A violation of the minimum reporting standards under § 17-14-202(b) or other applicable statutes or rules;

(iii) Substandard performance; or

(iv) Otherwise improper or unprofessional behavior;

(6) Enter into contracts or agreements with an independent appraiser for the performance of appraisal services unless the independent appraiser is licensed or certified in good standing with the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board;

(7) Request that an appraiser provide an estimated, predetermined, or desired valuation in an appraisal report or provide estimated values or comparable sales at any time before the appraiser completes an appraisal report;

(8)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(8)(B) of this section, provide to an appraiser an anticipated, estimated, encouraged, or desired value for a property or a proposed or target amount to be loaned to the borrower.

(B) A copy of the sales contract for purchase transactions may be provided; or

(9) Commit an act or practice that impairs or attempts to impair an appraiser's independence, objectivity, or impartiality.

(c) Subsection (a) of this section does not prohibit an appraisal management company from requesting that an independent appraiser:

(1) Provide additional information about the basis for a valuation;

(2) Correct objective factual errors in an appraisal report; or

(3) Provide further detail, substantiation, or explanation for the appraiser's value conclusion.

17-14-409. Registry of applicants and roster.

(a)(1) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board shall keep a register of all applicants for registration.

(2) The register shall indicate:

(A) The date of application;

(B) The applicant's name;

(C) The applicant's business address; and

(D) Whether the registration was granted or denied.

(3) The register shall be prima facie evidence of all matters contained in the register.

(b)(1) The executive director shall keep a current roster showing the name and address of all appraisal management companies registered with the board.

(2) The roster shall be kept on file in the office of the board and shall be open for public inspection.

17-14-410. Disciplinary authority, enforcement, and hearings.

(a) The Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board may deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew the registration of an appraisal

management company under this subchapter or may restrict or limit the activities of an appraisal management company or a person who owns an interest in or participates in the business of an appraisal management company if the board finds that any of the following circumstances apply to the applicant, a registrant, or a partner, member, manager, officer, director, managing principal, controlling person, or a person occupying a similar status or performing similar functions, or a person directly or indirectly controlling the applicant or registrant:

(1) The person's application for registration when filed or after filing contained a statement that in light of the circumstances under which it was made is false or misleading with respect to a material fact;

(2) The person has violated or failed to comply with this subchapter;

(3) The person has pled guilty or nolo contendere to or been found guilty of:

(A) A felony; or

(B) Within the past ten (10) years:

(i) A misdemeanor involving mortgage lending or real estate appraising; or

(ii) An offense involving breach of trust, moral turpitude, or fraudulent or dishonest dealing;

(4) The person is permanently or temporarily enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction from engaging in or continuing any conduct or practice involving appraisal management services or operating an appraisal management company;

(5) The person is the subject of an order of the board or any other state appraisal management company regulatory agency denying, suspending, or revoking the person's privilege to operate as an appraisal management company;

(6) The person acted as an appraisal management company while not properly licensed by the board; or

(7) The person failed to pay the proper filing or renewal fee under this subchapter.

(b) Upon its own motion or the written complaint of a person and after notice and hearing as prescribed by the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., the board may:

(1) Suspend or revoke the registration of a registrant;

(2) Impose a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation; or

(3) Take other appropriate disciplinary actions as established by rule of the board.

(c)(1) Before imposing a penalty on a registrant, the board shall:

(A) Notify the registrant in writing of any charges made at least twenty (20) days before the date set for the hearing; and

(B) Afford the registrant an opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

(2) The board may make findings of fact and shall deliver or mail the findings to the registrant charged with an offense under this subchapter.

17-14-411. Injunctive relief -- Criminal penalty.

(a) The Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board may appear in its own name in a circuit court of competent jurisdiction to obtain injunctive relief to prevent a person from violating this subchapter.

(b) The circuit court may grant a temporary or permanent injunction regardless of whether:

(1) Criminal prosecution has been or may be instituted as a result of the violation of this subchapter; or

(2) The person is the holder of a registration issued by the board.

(c) A violation of this subchapter is a Class D felony.

17-14-412. Applicability.

This subchapter does not apply to:

(1) An agency of the federal, state, county, or municipal government;

(2) A person authorized to engage in business as a bank, farm credit system, savings institution, or credit union under the laws of the United States, the State of Arkansas, or any other state;

(3) A licensed real estate broker or licensed real estate agent performing activities regulated by the Arkansas Real Estate Commission unless the licensed real estate broker or licensed real estate agent receives compensation or other pecuniary gain in connection with the referral, placement, or execution of a request for appraisal services; or

(4) An officer or employee of a government agency, person, licensed real estate broker, or licensed real estate agent described in this section when acting within the scope of employment of the officer or employee.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-14-101 is amended to read as follows:

17-14-101. Title.

~~This chapter will~~ Section 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq. shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act".

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-14-102 is amended to read as follows:

17-14-102. Necessity for registration, license, or certificate.

(a) ~~This chapter~~ The Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., is created in response to Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 and specifies three (3) classes of appraisers, ~~i.e.:~~ state-licensed, state-certified residential, and state-certified general appraisers for federally related transactions. A fourth class is created for nonfederally related transactions, which shall be known as "state-registered appraisers".

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this law be no more restrictive than required under the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989.

SECTION 4. The introductory language of Arkansas Code § 17-14-103, concerning definitions for the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, is amended to read as follows:

~~As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq.:

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 17-14-103(8), concerning the definition of "Board" under the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, is amended to read as follows:

(8) "Board" means the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board established ~~pursuant to this chapter~~ under the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq.;

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 17-14-104 is amended to read as follows:

17-14-104. Exceptions to registration, licensing, or certification.

(a)(1)(A) Except when an interstate transaction or a federally related transaction is involved, ~~this chapter~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., does not apply to a real estate broker or sales person licensed by this state who:

(i) In the ordinary course of his or her business, gives to a potential seller or third party a written report called a market analysis or a broker's price opinion as to the recommended listing price of real estate or an opinion to a potential purchaser or third party as to the recommended price of real estate; or

(ii) Provides testimony regarding an opinion of the value of real property ~~pursuant to~~ under § 28-51-302.

(B) A broker's price opinion or a market analysis issued in this state in connection with an interstate transaction or a federally related transaction shall not contain the term "appraisal" or the term "market value".

(C) The prohibition of subdivision (a)(1)(B) of this section ~~is not applicable~~ does not apply to an intrastate, nonfederally related broker's price opinion or market analysis.

(2)(A) The listing price, purchase price, market analysis, or broker's price opinion may be treated as an appraisal solely for the purposes of § 28-51-302.

(B) A real estate broker who provides testimony regarding an opinion of the value of real property that may be treated as an appraisal for purposes of § 28-51-302 shall nonetheless be exempt from registration as an appraiser ~~pursuant to this chapter~~ under the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq.

(b)(1)(A) ~~The provisions of this chapter~~ Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., ~~shall~~ does not apply to any state, county, or municipal public officer or employee while the officer or employee is performing appraisal or appraisal-related duties as the officer or employee.

(B) ~~Any appraisals~~ Appraisals performed by state, county, or municipal officers or employees outside the scope of their employment are subject to the provisions of ~~this chapter~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq.

(2) ~~This chapter~~ The Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., ~~shall~~ does not apply to:

(A) Persons performing appraisals as officers or staff of a bank, savings and loan, or credit union;

(B) Company foresters in the ordinary course of their duties; or

(C) Staff appraisers performing ad valorem tax appraisals for county assessors or employees of contractors performing county-wide reappraisals.

(c)(1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, appraisers, when providing appraisal reports or appraisal services in nonfederally related transactions, who become licensed or certified by the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board are subject to the ~~provisions of this chapter~~ Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., in all matters involving appraisal services, including transactions below the federally established threshold.

(2) If an appraiser does not make appraisals for any federal agency, any federally insured lending institution, the Federal Housing Administration, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the United States Bankruptcy Courts, the Federal Highway Administration, the

Federal Aviation Administration, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Internal Revenue Service, or any other federal or quasi-federal authority, including appraisal work that is distributed via interstate commerce or appraisals involving transactions above the threshold established by a federal financial institutions regulatory agency, the appraiser is only required to be a state-registered appraiser under the provisions of ~~this chapter~~ Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq.

(d) ~~This chapter~~ The Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., shall not preclude any person from testifying as an expert witness in any judicial proceeding in which the value of real estate is in issue unless that person holds himself or herself out as a practicing real estate fee appraiser.

(e) Nothing in ~~this chapter~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., shall be construed to prohibit prohibits any person who is licensed to practice in this state under any law from engaging in the practice for which he or she is licensed.

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 17-14-105 is amended to read as follows:

17-14-105. Right and privileges of licensed or registered appraiser.

(a) A state-registered or state-licensed appraiser as defined in § 17-14-103 may appraise real property for compensation if the use of a state-certified appraiser is not required under ~~this chapter~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., or by federal or state law, rule, or policy.

(b) An appraiser shall not sign an appraisal report or be cited within the report as having provided "significant real property appraisal assistance" in the development of the appraisal without having been state-registered, state-licensed, or state-certified.

SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 17-14-106 is amended to read as follows:

17-14-106. Absence of liability.

(a) Financial institutions or affiliates hiring the services of appraisers registered, licensed, or certified by the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board in nonfederally related transactions, including transactions below the federally established threshold, shall not be liable to any party asserting damages due to the alleged actions of the appraiser, nor shall the financial institution or affiliate be subject to any requirements to report to the board regarding such transactions other than as may be required by ~~this chapter~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., and the ~~regulations~~ rules promulgated by the board.

(b) ~~Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to~~ This section does not limit the investigative or subpoena powers of the board.

SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 17-14-201(a)(1)(C), concerning the membership of the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board, is amended to read as follows:

(C) Additionally, the seven (7) practicing appraiser members shall be representative of the various disciplines found in the appraisal profession, ~~which include, but are not limited to,~~ including without limitation residential appraisal, commercial and industrial appraisal, forestry and timberland appraisal, rural appraisal, and any other appraisal discipline that may be affected by ~~this chapter~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq.;

SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 17-14-203 is amended to read as follows:

17-14-203. Powers and duties — In general.

In accordance with these general powers and duties, the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board shall:

(1) Perform all duties and functions necessary to carry out ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter;

(2) Receive applications for registering, licensing, and certification;

(3) Establish administrative procedures for processing applications;

(4)(A) Approve and issue registration, licenses, and certificates to qualified applicants or disapprove applications for registering, licensing, and certification for applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements as prescribed in this chapter.

(B) All application materials and records submitted to the board shall be retained by the board;

(5) Maintain a roster of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all persons licensed and certified under ~~this chapter~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., and, in accordance with sections 1103(a)(3) and 1109(a)(1) of Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, shall submit this roster annually to the Appraisal Subcommittee. This roster may be published and periodically updated and provided to all interested parties at cost;

(6)(A) Establish by ~~regulation~~ rule the minimum examination, education, experience, and continuing education requirements for state-registered, state-licensed, and state-certified appraisers.

(B)(i) The criteria for a state-registered appraiser shall be less

rigorous than the criteria for a state-licensed appraiser.

(ii) The criteria for a state-licensed appraiser shall be less rigorous than the criteria for a state-certified appraiser. However, the criteria will ensure that licensed appraisers have sufficient experience and training to perform appraisals for transactions within and in compliance with Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989.

(C) These ~~regulations~~ rules shall at all times be equivalent to the minimum appraiser-qualification criteria as promulgated by the Appraiser Qualifications Board of the Appraisal Foundation for state-licensed and state-certified appraisers performing federally related transactions.

(D) With respect to examinations, these ~~regulations~~ rules shall at all times require minimum examination contents that are equivalent to the national uniform examination content as promulgated by the Appraiser Qualifications Board of the Appraisal Foundation and shall provide for the selection and utilization of a testing service acceptable to the Appraiser Qualifications Board of the Appraisal Foundation.

(E)(i) Every application for registering, licensing, and certification shall be accompanied by an application and examination fee, as applicable, that the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board may establish by regulation.

(ii) However, the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board, at its discretion, may direct each applicant to pay the actual cost of the examination fee directly to a testing service engaged by the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board to administer the examination.

(F) ~~No~~ The examination fee for registering, licensing, or certification shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).

(G) The total annual resident registering, licensing, certification, and application fees established by the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300) excluding fees for applicable examination and federal pass-through fees.

(H) Courses, schools, seminars, and any other educational programs must be recognized by the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board as acceptable to satisfy registration, licensing, and certification standards and continuing education requirements under ~~this chapter~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq.

(7)(A) Establish administrative procedures for disciplinary proceedings conducted ~~pursuant to the provisions of this chapter~~ under the Arkansas Appraiser

Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq.

(B) ~~These~~ The administrative procedures shall include provisions for the suspension and revocation of registration, licenses, and certificates and the enforcement of civil penalties concurrent with existing statutes regarding civil procedures;

(8) Subpoena and issue subpoena duces tecum and to bring before it any person in this state, and to take testimony by deposition, in the same manner as prescribed by law in judicial proceedings in the courts of this state or to require production of any records relevant to any inquiry or hearing by the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board;

(9) Recommend procedures necessary to assure the ready availability to appraisers in the state of adequate and reliable information regarding property prices and the terms and conditions of real estate and real property transactions and related financing;

(10) Establish administrative procedures for the setting, charging, and collecting of fees necessary for the operation of the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board and to concurrently collect and submit to the proper agency as prescribed under section 1109(a)(2) of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 and any other related federal law, any additional fees that may from time to time be required to be paid by appraisers whose practices include the appraisal of properties included in federally related transactions; and

(11) Be authorized to adopt and enforce such administrative rules ~~and regulations~~ as may be necessary to comply with state law and federal law with specific reference to Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 as it exists today and as it may be amended and adopted by the Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council.

SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 17-14-205 is amended to read as follows:

17-14-205. Hearings — Review — Access to records.

(a) In fulfilling its duties under ~~this chapter~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board shall comply with the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., and any person aggrieved by any rule or other actions of the board for which an appeal is not provided for in the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., may appeal to the Circuit Court of Pulaski County.

(b) Disciplinary hearings conducted by the board for the purpose of determining whether to levy civil penalties under ~~this chapter~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., and for the purpose of determining whether to revoke or suspend any license or certificate issued ~~pursuant to this chapter~~ under the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., shall not be deemed open public meetings but shall be executive sessions conducted as provided for in the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.

(c) Sample appraisals and other work papers submitted to the board as partial fulfillment of the requirements for licensure or certification under ~~this chapter~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., shall not be deemed public records under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.

SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 17-14-206 is amended to read as follows:

17-14-206. Complaints and disciplinary procedures.

(a) Upon its own motion or upon written complaint of any person and after notice and hearing as prescribed by the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board may suspend or revoke the registration, license, or certification of any registrant, licensee, or certificate holder and issue a fine up to the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation occurrence or take any other appropriate disciplinary action for:

(1) Violation of any provision of ~~this chapter~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq.;

(2) Falsifying any application for licensure or certification or otherwise providing any false information to the board;

(3)(A) Conviction in any jurisdiction of any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or of any felony.

(B) A plea of nolo contendere or no contest shall be considered a conviction for the purposes of this section;

(4) Any actions demonstrating untrustworthiness, incompetence, dishonesty, gross negligence, material misrepresentation, fraud, or unethical conduct in any dealings subject to ~~this chapter or these regulations~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq.;

(5) Adjudication of insanity;

(6) Use of advertising or solicitation which is false, misleading, or is otherwise deemed unprofessional by the board;

(7) Employing directly or indirectly any unlicensed person to perform any actions subject to ~~this chapter~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq.;

(8) Habitual or excessive use of intoxicants or illegal drugs; or

(9) Failure to meet continuing education requirements within the proper time period.

(b) Except in cases in which a licensee, registrant, or certificate holder has obtained a license by false or fraudulent representation, the board shall not investigate the actions of or conduct any disciplinary hearing regarding any licensee, registrant, or certificate holder unless the complaint is filed or the investigation is initiated within three (3) years from the date of the actions complained of or concerning which an investigation is initiated.

SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 17-14-301 is amended to read as follows:

17-14-301. Business entities — Eligibility for licensing.

A registration, license, or certificate shall not be issued under ~~this chapter~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., to a firm, corporation, partnership, group, or other business entity.

SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 17-14-302 is amended to read as follows:

17-14-302. License required — Membership in other organizations.

(a) On or after December 31, 2001, it shall be a Class B misdemeanor for any individual to perform an appraisal or provide appraisal services as defined in ~~this chapter~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., without holding a registration, license, or certificate except as provided in § 17-14-104.

(b) ~~No~~ A person shall not be excluded from obtaining a registration, license, or certification based solely upon membership or lack of membership in any particular appraisal organization.

SECTION 15. Arkansas Code § 17-14-303 is amended to read as follows:

17-14-303. Unlicensed persons — Federally and nonfederally related transactions.

(a) ~~It shall be~~ is a Class B misdemeanor for any person who is not licensed or certified pursuant to ~~this chapter~~ under the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., to perform appraisal services as defined in ~~this chapter~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-

14-301 et seq., in connection with a federally related transaction.

(b) An appraiser who does not hold an appraiser's classification that permits the performance of a particular appraisal assignment for use in federally related transactions must include in such an appraisal report a statement that the appraisal may not be eligible for use in a federally related transaction.

SECTION 16. Arkansas Code § 17-14-304 is amended to read as follows:

17-14-304. Use of terms.

(a) The terms "certified real property appraiser", "certified real estate appraiser", and "certified appraiser" shall only be used to refer to individuals who hold a current certificate and shall not be used in connection with or as part of the name or signature of an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, group, or other business entity, or anyone other than an individual holder of the certificate.

(b) ~~No~~ An appraiser practicing or providing appraisal services in this state as defined in § 17-14-103 may not use the terms "registered", "certified", or "licensed" in conjunction with his or her appraisal practice, unless he or she holds a valid registration, license, or certification issued under the ~~provisions of this chapter~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq.

(c) The terms "licensed real estate appraiser", "licensed real property appraiser", ~~or~~ and "licensed appraiser" shall only be used to refer to individuals who hold a current license and shall not be used in connection with or as part of the name or signature of an individual, firm, corporation, or group or in a manner that may be interpreted as referring to a firm, partnership, corporation, group, or other business entity, or anyone other than an individual holder of the license.

(d) ~~No~~ A person other than a state-registered appraiser, state-licensed appraiser, or state-certified appraiser shall not assume or use that title or any title, designation, or abbreviation likely to create the impression of registration, licensing, or certification as an appraiser by this state.

(e) A person who is not licensed or certified ~~pursuant to this chapter~~ under the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., shall not describe or refer to any appraisal report, written or oral, or other evaluation of real estate covered under the activities of appraisers by the ~~terms~~ term "registered", "licensed", "certified", or any other similar term that may be construed to imply qualification or competency recognized by the state.

SECTION 17. Arkansas Code § 17-14-305 is amended to read as follows:

17-14-305. Compliance with uniform standards and code of ethics — Seals — Licensing and certification documents.

(a)(1) Each state-registered appraiser, each state-licensed appraiser, and each state-certified appraiser shall comply with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice and Code of Ethics adopted by the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board and shall authenticate all written appraisal reports with a seal which shall indicate the registration, license, or certification number.

(2) The seal and number shall also be used in all statements of qualifications, contracts, or other instruments used by the registration, license, or certificate holder when reference is made to his or her status as a state-registered appraiser, state-licensed appraiser, or a state-certified appraiser.

(b) Registration, license, and certificate documents, licenses, certificates, seals, and pocket cards shall remain the property of the state, and, upon any suspension, revocation, or other termination of a registration, license, or certification ~~pursuant to this chapter~~ under the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., the individual holding the related documents shall immediately return the documents to the board.

SECTION 18. Arkansas Code § 17-14-306 is amended to read as follows:

17-14-306. Additional licenses — Nonresidents.

(a)(1) Every applicant for registration, licensure, or certification ~~under this chapter~~ under the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., who is not a resident of this state shall submit with the application for registration, licensure, or certification an irrevocable consent that service of process upon him or her may be made by delivery of the process to the Secretary of State if, in an action against the applicant in a court of this state arising out of the applicant's activities as a state-registered appraiser, state-licensed appraiser, or state-certified appraiser, the plaintiff cannot effect personal service upon the applicant.

(2) A nonresident of this state who has complied with this provision may obtain a license or certification as a state-licensed appraiser or a state-certified appraiser by ~~conforming to all of the provisions of this chapter~~ complying with the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., relating to state-registered appraisers, state-licensed appraisers, or state-certified appraisers, including the payment of a fee.

(b)(1) If, in the determination by the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board, another state is deemed to have substantially equivalent licensing and certification requirements, an applicant who is licensed or certified under the laws of the other state may obtain a temporary or nonresident license or certificate as a state-licensed appraiser or a state-certified appraiser in this state

upon such terms and conditions as may be determined by the board.

(2) An appropriate fee is to be charged.

SECTION 19. Arkansas Code § 17-14-308 is amended to read as follows:

17-14-308. Violation of law — Civil penalties, injunctions, venue.

(a)(1) It is unlawful for any person not registered, licensed, or certified under ~~this chapter~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., to perform any act for which registration, licensure, or certification is required.

(2) ~~Any~~ A person acting as an appraiser within the meaning of ~~this chapter~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., without an appraiser classification and any person who violates any other provision of ~~this chapter~~ the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq. shall be is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b)(1) Upon application by the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board, a court may grant an injunction, restraining order, or other order as may be appropriate to enjoin a person from:

(A) Offering to engage or engaging in the performance of any acts or practices for which a registration, certificate, or license is required by the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., upon a showing that the acts or practices were performed or offered to be performed without a registration, license, or certificate; or

(B) Engaging in any practice or business authorized by a certificate, license, or registration issued ~~pursuant to~~ under the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq., upon a showing that the holder presents a substantial probability of serious danger to the health, safety, or welfare of any resident of this state or client of the certificate holder or licensee.

(2) Any person co-signing an appraisal with a state-registered, state-licensed, or state-certified appraiser becomes subject to the ~~provisions of this chapter~~ Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq.

(c) Any action brought pursuant to this section shall be commenced in the county in which the conduct occurred, in the county in which the defendant resides, or in Pulaski County.

(d) Any actions brought under this section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any penalty provided by § 17-14-206 and may be brought concurrently with other actions to enforce the ~~provisions of this chapter~~ the Arkansas Appraiser

Licensing and Certification Act, § 17-14-101 et seq., § 17-14-201 et seq., and § 17-14-301 et seq.

SECTION 20. Effective date.

This act takes effect January 1, 2010."

/s/ Barry Hyde

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Reynolds, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1941** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1941

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1941** as engrossed,

H3/10/09 (version: 03-10-2009 08:35):

Page 3, delete lines 12 through 14

AND

Page 3, line 15 delete "(3)" and substitute "(2)"

AND

Page 3, line 16 delete "(4)" and substitute "(3)"

/s/ Lance Reynolds

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Cheatham, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1966** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1966

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1966** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the Enacting Clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-52-523(a), (b), and (c), concerning a credit or rebate on local sales and use tax, is amended to read as follows:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Qualifying purchase" means a purchase of tangible personal property or a taxable service:

(A) For which the purchaser may take a business expense deduction pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 162, as in effect on January 1, 2007;

(B) For which the purchaser may take a depreciation deduction pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 167, as in effect on January 1, 2007;

(C) By an exempt organization under 26 U.S.C. § 501, as in effect on January 1, 2007, if the purchase would be subject to a business expense deduction or depreciation deduction if the purchaser were not an exempt organization under 26 U.S.C. § 501, as in effect on January 1, 2007; or

(D) By a state, or any county, city, municipality, school district, state-supported college or university, or any other political subdivision of a state, if the purchase would be subject to a business expense deduction or depreciation deduction if the purchaser were not one (1) of the entities enumerated in this subdivision (a)(1)(D); ~~and~~

(2) "Single transaction" means any sale of tangible personal property or a taxable service reflected on a single invoice, receipt, or statement for which an aggregate sales or use tax amount has been reported and remitted to the state for a single local taxing jurisdiction; ~~and~~

(3)(A) "Travel trailer" means a trailer that:

(A) Provides temporary living quarters for travel, recreation, or camping;

(B) Includes a chassis having wheels and a trailer hitch or fifth wheel for towing; and

(C) Is required to be licensed for highway use under Arkansas law.

(b)(1) A purchaser that pays any municipal sales or use tax in excess of the tax due on the first two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) of gross receipts or gross proceeds from the purchase of a travel trailer or from a qualifying purchase of

tangible personal property or a taxable service in a single transaction is entitled to a credit or rebate of the excess amount of municipal sales or use tax paid on each single transaction.

(2) A purchaser that pays any county sales or use tax in excess of the tax due on the first two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) of gross receipts or gross proceeds from the purchase of a travel trailer or from a qualifying purchase of tangible personal property or a taxable service in a single transaction is entitled to a credit or rebate of the excess amount of county sales or use tax paid on each single transaction.

(c)(1) A purchaser that is required by § 26-52-501, § 26-52-509, or § 26-53-125 to file a sales or use tax return may file a claim for a credit or rebate under this section with the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration in connection with the sales or use tax return and offset the amount of credit or rebate claimed against any municipal or county sales or use tax due to be remitted with the return.

(2) A purchaser that qualifies for a credit or rebate under this section and is not required to file a sales or use tax return as provided in subdivision (c)(1) of this section may file a claim for a credit or rebate under this section with the director.

(3) If a rebate would be due under this section as a result of the purchase of a travel trailer and if the gross receipts or compensating use tax on the travel trailer is collected directly from the purchaser by the Department of Finance and Administration under § 26-52-510 or § 26-53-126, then the department shall collect only the amount of tax due less the amount to which the purchaser would be entitled under the rebate provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. Section 1 of this act is effective on the first day of the calendar quarter following the effective date of this act."

/s/ Eddie Cheatham

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Edwards, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1979** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1979

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1979** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-237-106(a), concerning disbursement of water and sewer department funds, is amended to read as follows:

(a) All disbursements of water and sewer department funds, ~~except as noted in § 14-237-107,~~ are to be made by prenumbered checks drawn upon the bank account of that department except:

(1) Petty cash under § 14-237-107; or

(2) An electronic funds transfer used for payment of debts provided

that:

(A) The person responsible for the disbursement shall maintain a ledger including without limitation the following information:

(i) The name and address of the entity receiving payment;

(ii) The routing number of the bank in which the funds are held;

(iii) The account number and the accounts clearinghouse trace number pertaining to the transfer; and

(iv) The date and amount transferred; and

(B) Written consent for payment by electronic funds transfer is given by the entity to whom the transfer is made.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 229 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

14-229-104. Rural water and wastewater entities - Electronic funds transfers.

All rural water and rural wastewater entities, however organized, may disburse funds for payment of debts by electronic funds transfer if:

(1) The person responsible for the disbursement maintains a ledger including without limitation the following information:

(A) The name and address of the entity receiving payment;

(B) The routing number of the bank in which the funds are held;

(C) The account number and the accounts clearinghouse trace number pertaining to the transfer; and

(D) The date and amount transferred; and

(2) Written consent for payment by electronic funds transfer is given

by the entity to whom the transfer is made."

/s/ John Edwards

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Kerr, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1110** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1110

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1110** as engrossed,

H3/3/09 (version: 03-03-2009 10:08):

Page 2, line 11, delete "is the" and substitute "is the lesser of five percent (5%) of the current year's salary or the"

AND

Page 2, line 19, delete "is the" and substitute "is the lesser of five percent (5%) of the current year's salary or the"

/s/ Allen Kerr

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Webb, HOUSE BILL NO. 1851 was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1851

Amend HOUSE BILL NO. 1851 as engrossed,

H3/9/09 (version: 03-09-2009 09:02):

Add Representatives Cash and Carroll as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Page 2, delete lines 15 through 23 and substitute the following:

“(4) “Renewable electric generation facility” means a facility for the generation of electric energy that:

(A) Is located within this state;

(B) Is fueled by a renewable energy resource; and

(C) Has an effective capacity of not more than five megawatts (5MW);

and”

AND

Page 3, line 7, delete “(c)” and substitute “(c)(1)(A)”

AND

Page 3, line 10, delete “facility.” and substitute the following:

“facility.

(B) However, unless the commission for good cause modifies the requirement for an electric utility under this subdivision, the electric utility shall offer to purchase under the feed-in tariff at least twenty percent (20%) of its electricity supply requirement under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section from a residential or commercial renewable electric generation facility.

(2) For an electric utility that demonstrates that compliance with the requirement under subdivision (c)(1) of this section will cause its energy costs to increase more than three percent (3%) than those energy costs would have been otherwise, the commission shall reduce the requirement under subdivision (c)(1) of this section.”

/s/ Kathy Webb

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Smith, **HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL RESOLUTION NO. 1003** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL
RESOLUTION NO. 1003**

Amend **HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL RESOLUTION NO. 1003**

as originally introduced:

Delete the title in its entirety and substitute the following:

"CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS, AND
MOURNING THE PASSING OF, JAMES ROYCE JACKSON."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute the following:

"CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS, AND
MOURNING THE PASSING OF, JAMES ROYCE JACKSON."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 22 through 24, and substitute the following:

"WHEREAS, James Royce Jackson of Fayetteville, Arkansas, former Law Reference Librarian at the Young Law Library of the University of Arkansas School of Law, died peacefully on Wednesday, November 28, 2007, of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis at his home in Fayetteville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson was born in San Diego, California, on October 6, 1942, and grew up in Paul's Valley, Oklahoma, where he was a clarinetist and drum major in the school band and became an Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson earned a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy from Southern Methodist University in 1965, a Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas School of Law in 1976, and a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Oklahoma in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson served in the Peace Corps at the health training center in the village of Ramanagaram in Mysore State (now Karnataka), India, from 1965 until 1967; upon his return, he was drafted into the United States Army and served in Vietnam; and he wrote an engaging memoir about those two disparate experiences, "Two Corps: Peace and War"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson was a practicing attorney and worked in the Rogers Public Library in Rogers, Arkansas, before joining the faculty of the Young Law Library of the University of Arkansas School of Law, where he was a Matthew Bender Fellow and a member of the American Association of Law Librarians and the Native American Librarians Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson was a Senior Dharma Teacher in the Kwan Um School of Zen, and he and his wife Barbara founded the Morning Star Zen Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas, in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson was a kind, thoughtful, loving, and compassionate man with a quiet and reserved manner who had deep and wide-ranging intellectual interests; he was a gifted poet, a creative artist, a skilled and hilariously funny storyteller, a talented musician, and an inspired teacher; but the role he loved most and what he may have been best at was being a father; his children meant everything to him, and he was a completely caring, engaged, involved, and loving parent; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife, Barbara Taylor, James Royce Jackson is survived by his son, Keefe N. Jackson of Chicago, Illinois; his daughter, Margaret "Margot" E. E. Jackson of Fayetteville, Arkansas; his stepdaughter, Jennifer E. Enos of Springdale, Arkansas; his stepson, Lev K. Desmarais of Parker, Texas; and his three (3) grandchildren, Corinne T. McKimmey, Nathan T. Enos, and Kailani R. Enos,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the House of Representatives and the Senate honor the memory of James Royce Jackson; celebrate his life and significant contributions to public service in his community, our state, our nation, and the world; and remember him with the deepest admiration and respect for his intellect, his service, and his personal warmth, courage, decency, humor, and consideration for others."

/s/ Lindsley Smith

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Smith, **HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION NO. 1004** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION NO. 1004

Amend **HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION NO. 1004** as originally introduced:

Delete the title in its entirety and substitute the following:

"CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS, AND MOURNING THE PASSING OF, NICK MASULLO."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute the following:

"CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS, AND MOURNING THE PASSING OF, NICK MASULLO."

AND

Delete lines 20 through 22 and substitute the following:

"WHEREAS, Nick Masullo of Fayetteville, Arkansas, singer-songwriter and former general manager of the Ozark Cooperative Warehouse, died peacefully in his home with his wife and friends on Saturday evening, September 6, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Masullo came to Arkansas from New York and contributed to the state for thirty-six (36) years, distinguishing himself through community service and his original music; and

WHEREAS, under his management the Ozark Cooperative Warehouse won the Arkansas Business of the Year for 1989; and when he retired due to his battle with multiple sclerosis, he was awarded recognition for twenty-eight (28) years of service to the cooperative principles; and

WHEREAS, his honors include first-place winner in the Woody Guthrie Folk Festival Songwriting Competition; an award for Best Contemporary Folk Song at the Walnut Valley Festival in Winfield, Kansas; selection as Songwriter of the Year at the Ozark Music Awards; and recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award for Songwriting at the North Arkansas Music Awards; and

WHEREAS, his notable writings include the books "Hold You When You Cry" and "Being Healed"; and

WHEREAS, he released three original compact discs of his music, including "Some Kind of Sign", "Everything You've Got", and "The Lost Songs"; and

WHEREAS, a major theme in his music was encouraging people to fulfill their full potential and overcome challenges, such as his own five-year struggle battling multiple sclerosis; and

WHEREAS, he became an icon in his community and in the world beyond; once an able-bodied man who played ice hockey and taught ice skating to Special

Olympics kids, Mr. Masullo, as a newly disabled man, became a staunch advocate for individuals with disabilities; and already sympathetic to the needs of individuals with disabilities, he now experienced the marginality that is so much a part of life for most individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, rather than being beaten down by his disease, he rose up and said, "I will not be invisible. There is a creative spirit living within this crippled body."; and

WHEREAS, he wrote songs and essays that inspired not only the disabled community but the able-bodied community as well, continuing to perform his work even when he could no longer play the guitar and it was painful to sing; and

WHEREAS, his songs such as "Take Their Wheelchairs Away" and "Everything You've Got" reached beyond his immediate circle to the entire state and to the country, spurring others, disabled and not, to live the words he wrote: "It's about all that you can do/with everything you've got/and not the things that hold you back/or anything you're not"; and

WHEREAS, Arkansans, known for prizing place and community, developed a community of care for Nick, a testimonial to the man and to the community in which he lived; he inspired them; they encouraged him; around and around it went until what developed was Arkansans operating at their finest; and everyone mattered; and

WHEREAS, Nick wrote in his song "It'll Matter": "It doesn't matter how you move – a limo or a chair with wheels/it's up to you that you arrive/it's up to you the way you feel/it'll matter who you touch and it matters what you give/it'll matter if you try and makes a difference that you live"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife, Ginny, Nick Masullo is survived by two (2) sons, Clayton Yarri Davis and Chris; his grandson, Jacob, the son of Yarri and his wife, Aurora; and his five (5) sisters, Bo, Karen, Robin, Penny and Brenda,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives honors the memory of Nick Masullo; celebrates his life and significant contributions to the field of original folk music and to the people of Arkansas; and remembers him with the deepest admiration and respect for his personal warmth, courage, decency, humor, and consideration for others.

/s/ Lindsley Smith

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Shelby, **HOUSE BILL NO. 2212** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2212

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 2212** as originally introduced:

Remove Senator D. Johnson as cosponsor of the bill

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Title 20, Subtitle 2, Chapter 17, Subchapter 1 is amended to add a new section to read as follow:

20-17-104. Withholding cardiopulmonary resuscitation in nursing facilities for unwitnessed deaths.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Dependent lividity" means clear demarcation of pooled blood within the body;

(2) "Nursing facility" means the same as long-term care facility as defined in § 20-10-101; and

(3) "Rigor" means that major joints such as the jaw, shoulders, elbows, hips, or knees are immovable.

(b) Licensed nurses employed by nursing facilities may withhold cardiopulmonary resuscitation from residents of the facility, regardless of the presence or absence of a Do Not Resuscitate order when:

(1) The death of the resident was unwitnessed; and

(2) The body evidences clear and unmistakable dependent lividity; or

(3) The body evidences clear and unmistakable rigor.

(c) In cases of unwitnessed deaths under subsection (b) of this section, the following conditions also must be present:

(1) Respirations are absent for at least thirty (30) seconds;

(2) Carotid pulse is absent for at least thirty (30) seconds;

(3) Lung sounds auscultated by stethoscope bilaterally are absent for at least thirty (30) seconds; and

(4) Both pupils, if accessible, are nonreactive to light.

(d) The nursing facility shall document the presence of the above-listed conditions in the resident's records.

(e)(1) Nursing facilities and licensed nurses of nursing facilities who withhold cardiopulmonary resuscitation under this section are not liable for administrative sanctions, civil damages, or subject to criminal prosecution for their actions or the actions of others based on the withholding of cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

(2) A person who acts in good faith reliance of a nursing facility's or nursing facility employee's withholding cardiopulmonary resuscitation under this section is not liable for administrative sanctions, civil damages, or subject to criminal prosecution for the person's actions."

/s/ Gene Shelby

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Williams, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1712** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1712

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1712** as originally introduced:

Page 5, delete lines 15 and 16 and substitute the following:

“an earthquake or other significant weather event or a natural disaster that occurred during the calendar year 2009 or thereafter.”

AND

Page 6, delete lines 12 through 15 and substitute the following:

“under commission-approved rate schedules as provided in the financing order. An individual customer’s monthly storm recovery charges shall be based upon the customer’s then current monthly billing determinants.”

AND

Page 6, delete lines 26 and 27 and substitute the following:

“shall include carrying costs, at simple interest which shall accrue at a rate equal to the electric public utility’s last approved rate-base rate of return.”

AND

Page 7, delete lines 13 through 15 and substitute the following:

“cost reserve account established pursuant to § 23-4-112.

AND

Page 8, line 13 delete “and”

AND

Page 8, delete line 15 and substitute the following:

“petition; and

(9) Facilitate a timely audit of all capital costs included within the storm recovery costs proposed to be financed by storm recovery bonds.”

AND

Page 9, delete lines 18 through 22 and substitute the following:

“customers receiving transmission or distribution service, or both, from an electric utility or its successors or assignees under commission-approved rate schedules as provided in the financing order. An individual customer’s monthly storm recovery charges shall be based upon the customer’s then current monthly billing determinants.”

AND

Page 10, delete line 19 and substitute the following:

“transfer, or issuance, provided that the storm recovery bonds, other than refunding bonds, may not be issued later than two years from the date the financing order becomes final and non-appealable, or such later date as provided in the financing order, and provided further, that nothing herein shall prevent the electric utility, prior to the end of such two-year period, from abandoning the issuance of storm recovery bonds under the financing order, if this is in the best interest of ratepayers, by filing with the commission a statement of abandonment and the reasons therefore. Nothing herein limited the rights of the electric”

AND

Page 10, delete lines 33 and 34 and substitute the following:

“full force and effect from the date of issuance by the commission.”

AND

Page 10, delete line 35 and substitute the following:

“(f) An aggrieved party or intervenor may within 15”

AND

Page 11, delete line 1 and substitute the following:

“becomes effective, or within 15 days from the date an application for rehearing is deemed to be denied as provided in § 23-2-422, file in the Arkansas Court of Appeals, a petition setting”

AND

Page 12, delete line 22 and substitute the following:

“otherwise permissible and reasonable fashion, or refuse or condition authorization or”

/s/ Darrin Williams

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Nickels, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1935** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1935

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1935** as engrossed,
H3/11/09 (version: 03-11-2009 09:02):

Page 1, line 33, delete “(A)”

AND

Page 1, delete line 36

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 and 2

AND

Page 2, delete lines 3 through 14

AND

Page 2, line 15, delete “(4)” and substitute “(3)”

AND

Page 2, line 17, delete “(5)” and substitute “(4)”

AND

Page 2, delete lines 20 through 23 and substitute:

“(b) It is unlawful for any person to knowingly charge a rate of interest greater than seventeen percent (17%) per annum in a transaction involving a consumer loan.”

/s/ Jim Nickels

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative D. Creekmore, **HOUSE BILL NO. 2264** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2264

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 2264** as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 26 and 27 and substitute:

“16-81-116. Warrantless arrest for violation of interference with emergency communication in the first degree, § 5-60-124, or interference with emergency communication in the second degree, § 5-60-125.”

/s/ Dawn Creekmore

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative D. Creekmore, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1473** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1473

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1473** as originally introduced:

Add Representative Clemmer as a co-sponsor to the bill

AND

Add Senator Miller as a co-sponsor to the bill

AND

Page 6, delete lines 21 through 36 and substitute:

- “(A) Capital murder, § 5-10-101;
- (B) Murder in the first degree, § 5-10-102;
- (C) Kidnapping, § 5-11-102;
- (D) Sexual assault in the first degree, § 5-14-124; or
- (E) Sexual assault in the second degree, § 5-14-125.”

AND

Page 7, delete lines 1 through 31

/s/ Dawn Creekmore

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Webb, **HOUSE BILL NO. 2230** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2230

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 2230** as originally introduced:

Page 2, line 27, delete "2009" and substitute "2008"

AND

Page 4, line 13, delete "2009" and substitute "2008"

/s/ Kathy Webb

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Edwards, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1746** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1746

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1746** as engrossed,

H3/13/09 (version: 03-13-2009 13:07):

Add Representatives Hoyt, Webb as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Add Senator D. Johnson as a cosponsor of the bill

/s/ John Edwards

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw

Chief Clerk

There being an objection to Amendment #1 to **HOUSE BILL NO. 1160**, the Chair requested it be moved from the Calendar.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1023

BY: REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMS

RECOGNIZING HEART GALLERY WEEK.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ AND ADOPTED BY MORE THAN 51 VOTES.

HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION NO. 1003

BY: REPRESENTATIVE M. MARTIN

IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MR. DELFORD ERNEST RIEFF AND IN RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ AND ADOPTED BY MORE THAN 51 VOTES.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1033

BY: REPRESENTATIVE WILLS

RECOGNIZING JOHN L. MCCLELLAN DAY.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ AND ADOPTED BY MORE THAN 51 VOTES.

ENGROSSED BILL REPORTS

WILHELMINA LEWELLEN, CHAIRPERSON

March 16, 2009

The following bill(s) reported correctly engrossed:

- HOUSE BILL NO. 1002 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLS
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1110 BY REPRESENTATIVE KERR
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1256 BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENBERG
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1473 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE D. CREEKMORE
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1485 BY REPRESENTATIVE SAUNDERS
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1578 BY REPRESENTATIVE D. CREEKMORE
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1694 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE HYDE
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1712 BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMS
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1746 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE J. EDWARDS
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1851 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE WEBB
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1935 BY REPRESENTATIVE NICKELS

ENGROSSED BILL REPORTS, CONTINUED

HOUSE BILL NO. 1941	BY REPRESENTATIVE REYNOLDS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1966	BY REPRESENTATIVE CHEATHAM
HOUSE BILL NO. 1979	BY REPRESENTATIVE J. EDWARDS
HOUSE BILL NO. 2066	BY REPRESENTATIVE ABERNATHY
HOUSE BILL NO. 2160	BY REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN
HOUSE BILL NO. 2212 - TITLE -	BY REPRESENTATIVE SHELBY
HOUSE BILL NO. 2230	BY REPRESENTATIVE WEBB
HOUSE BILL NO. 2264	BY REPRESENTATIVE D. CREEKMORE
HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL RESOLUTION	
NO. 1003	- TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE L. SMITH
HOUSE MEMORIAL	
RESOLUTION NO. 1004	BY REPRESENTATIVE L. SMITH

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1002

BY: REPRESENTATIVES WILLS, REEP, MALOCH, J. ROEBUCK, M. BURRIS, ABERNATHY, ALLEN, T. BAKER, BARNETT, BLOUNT, J. BROWN, CARNINE, CARROLL, CASH, CHEATHAM, COOK, DAVIS, J. DICKINSON, DUNN, J. EDWARDS, ENGLISH, EVERETT, GASKILL, GEORGE, R. GREEN, HARDY, HARRELSON, HAWKINS, HOUSE, HOYT, HYDE, KIDD, W. LEWELLEN, LINDSEY, LOVELL, LOWERY, MAXWELL, MCCRARY, MOORE, NIX, OVERBEY, PATTERSON, PENNARTZ, PERRY, PIERCE, RAGLAND, SAMPLE, SAUNDERS, SHELBY, G. SMITH, L. SMITH, STEWART, SUMMERS, TYLER, WAGNER, WEBB, WELLS, B. WILKINS, WILLIAMS, WOODS, WORD, COLE, POWERS

BY: SENATORS T. SMITH, SALMON, BROADWAY, TRUSTY, BOOKOUT, B. JOHNSON, STEELE, G. BAKER, BRYLES, CRUMBLY, ELLIOTT, FARIS, GLOVER, HORN, J. JEFFRESS, G. JEFFRESS, LAVERTY, MADISON, P. MALONE, MILLER, J. TAYLOR, WILKINSON, D. WYATT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY ACT; TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND REGULATE STATE LOTTERIES AS AUTHORIZED BY THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION; TO SUPPLEMENT HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS WITH NET PROCEEDS FROM THE STATE LOTTERY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF DATA NEEDED TO EVALUATE STATE-SUPPORTED STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1473

BY: REPRESENTATIVES D. CREEKMORE, MAXWELL, ADCOCK, GARNER, ENGLISH, MCLEAN, J. DICKINSON, BARNETT, T. BAKER, J. BROWN, GEORGE, R. GREEN, HOUSE, HOYT, INGRAM, KIDD, NIX, PYLE, RAGLAND, G. SMITH, SUMMERS, B. WILKINS, LEA, *CLEMMER*

BY: SENATORS BROADWAY, *MILLER*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO BE KNOWN AS JULI'S LAW; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF A DNA SAMPLE FOLLOWING AN ARREST OR A CRIMINAL CHARGE FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE COLLECTION, MAINTENANCE, AND DISSEMINATION OF DNA SAMPLES SUBMITTED FOLLOWING AN ARREST OR A CRIMINAL CHARGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1694

BY: REPRESENTATIVE HYDE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND REGULATION OF APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES; TO MAKE CONFORMING ADMENDMENTS TO THE ARKANSAS APPRAISER LICENSING CERTIFICATION ACT, §17-14-101 ET SEQ.; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1746

BY: REPRESENTATIVES J. EDWARDS, *WILLS, HOYT, WEBB*
BY: SENATORS B. JOHNSON, *D. JOHNSON*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEFINE "WATERSHED"; TO PROHIBIT SURFACE DISCHARGES FROM TREATMENT FACILITIES IN CERTAIN WATERSHEDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1851

BY: REPRESENTATIVES WEBB, *L. SMITH, CASH, CARROLL*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE AN ELECTRIC PUBLIC UTILITY TO PURCHASE ELECTRICITY PRODUCED BY A RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCER IN THIS STATE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE ELECTRIC PUBLIC UTILITY'S COSTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 2212

BY: REPRESENTATIVE SHELBY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY WHEN EMPLOYEES OF NURSING FACILITIES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO INITIATE CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION FOR UNWITNESSED DEATHS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS
ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL RESOLUTION NO. 1003

BY: REPRESENTATIVE L. SMITH

BY: SENATOR MADISON

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS, AND MOURNING THE PASSING OF, JAMES ROYCE JACKSON.*

Morning Hour Expired.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1978

BY: REPRESENTATIVE J. EDWARDS

Was read the third time and placed on final passage, the question being shall the Bill pass. The vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: Abernathy, Allen, T. Baker, Barnett, T. Bradford, J. Burris, Carroll, Cash, Cheatham, Cook, Dale, Davis, J. Edwards, Everett, Flowers, Gaskill, Harrelson, Hawkins, House, Hoyt, Ingram, Kidd, W. Lewellen, Lindsey, Lowery, Maloch, Maxwell, McCrary, Moore, Nickels, Nix, Overbey, Patterson, Perry, Powers, Rainey, Reep, T. Rogers, Saunders, Shelby, L. Smith, Stewart, Summers, Tyler, Wagner, Webb, Woods, Word.

Total48

NEGATIVE: Adcock, Baird, Betts, Blount, Breedlove, M. Burris, Carnine, Carter, Clemmer, Cole, L. Cowling, D. Creekmore, J. Dickinson, Dismang, English, Garner, R. Green, Greenberg, Hall, Hardy, Hobbs, Hopper, D. Hutchinson, Hyde, King, Lea, Lovell, S. Malone, M. Martin, Pennartz, Pierce, Pyle, Ragland, Rice, J. Roebuck, J. Rogers, Sample, Slinkard, Wells, B. Wilkins.

Total40

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: J. Brown, Davenport, Dunn, George, Glidewell, Kerr, McLean, Reynolds, G. Smith, Williams, Mr. Speaker.

Total11

VOTING PRESENT: Cooper.

Total1

Total number of votes cast89

Total number voting in the affirmative.....48

Necessary to the passage of the bill.....51

So the Bill failed.

Upon motion of Representative M. Martin the Clincher motion failed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1953

BY: REPRESENTATIVE MOORE

Was read the third time and placed on final passage, the question being shall the Bill pass. The vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: Abernathy, Adcock, Allen, Baird, T. Baker, Barnett, Betts, Blount, T. Bradford, Breedlove, J. Brown, J. Burris, M. Burris, Carnine, Carroll, Carter, Cash, Cheatham, Clemmer, Cole, Cook, Cooper, L. Cowling, D. Creekmore, Dale, Davenport, Davis, J. Dickinson, Dismang, Dunn, J. Edwards, English, Everett, Flowers, Garner, Gaskill, George, Glidewell, R. Green, Greenberg, Hall, Hardy, Harrelson, Hawkins, Hobbs, Hopper, House, Hoyt, D. Hutchinson, Hyde, Ingram, Kerr, Kidd, King, Lea, W. Lewellen, Lindsey, Lovell, Lowery, Maloch, S. Malone, Maxwell, McCrary, McLean, Moore, Nickels, Nix, Overbey, Patterson, Pennartz, Perry, Pierce, Powers, Pyle, Ragland, Rainey, Reep, Reynolds, Rice, J. Roebuck, J. Rogers, T. Rogers, Sample, Saunders, Shelby, Slinkard, L. Smith, Stewart, Tyler, Wagner, Webb, Wells, B. Wilkins, Williams, Woods, Word, Mr. Speaker.

Total97

NEGATIVE: M. Martin.

Total1

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: G. Smith.

Total1

VOTING PRESENT: Summers.

Total1

Total number of votes cast99

Total number voting in the affirmative97

Necessary to the passage of the bill.....51

So the Bill passed and the title as read was agreed to.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1624

BY: REPRESENTATIVE DUNN

Was read the third time and placed on final passage, the question being shall the Bill pass and shall the Emergency Clause be adopted. The vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: Abernathy, Adcock, Allen, Baird, T. Baker, Barnett, Betts, Blount, T. Bradford, Breedlove, J. Brown, J. Burris, M. Burris, Carnine, Carroll, Carter, Cash, Cheatham, Clemmer, Cole, Cook, Cooper, L. Cowling, D. Creekmore, Dale, Davenport, Davis, J. Dickinson, Dismang, Dunn, J. Edwards, English, Everett, Flowers, Garner, Gaskill, George, Glidewell, R. Green, Greenberg, Hall, Hardy, Harrelson, Hawkins, Hobbs, Hopper, House, Hoyt, D. Hutchinson, Hyde, Ingram, Kerr, Kidd, King, Lea, W. Lewellen, Lindsey, Lovell, Lowery, Maloch, S. Malone, M. Martin, Maxwell, McCrary, McLean, Moore, Nickels, Nix, Overbey, Patterson, Pennartz, Perry, Pierce, Powers, Pyle, Ragland, Rainey, Reep, Reynolds, Rice, J. Roebuck, J. Rogers, T. Rogers, Sample, Saunders, Shelby, Slinkard, L. Smith, Stewart, Summers, Tyler, Wagner, Webb, Wells, B. Wilkins, Williams, Woods, Word, Mr. Speaker.

Total99

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: G. Smith.

Total1

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....99

Total number voting in the affirmative99

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

So the Bill passed and the title as read was agreed to.

There being an Emergency Clause attached to **HOUSE BILL NO. 1624**, the Speaker ordered the clerk to call the roll upon the adoption of the Emergency Clause. The vote was as follows:

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

AFFIRMATIVE: Abernathy, Adcock, Allen, Baird, T. Baker, Barnett, Betts, Blount, T. Bradford, Breedlove, J. Brown, J. Burris, M. Burris, Carnine, Carroll, Carter, Cash, Cheatham, Clemmer, Cole, Cook, Cooper, L. Cowling, D. Creekmore, Dale, Davenport, Davis, J. Dickinson, Dismang, Dunn, J. Edwards, English, Everett, Flowers, Garner, Gaskill, George, Glidewell, R. Green, Greenberg, Hall, Hardy, Harrelson, Hawkins, Hobbs, Hopper, House, Hoyt, D. Hutchinson, Hyde, Ingram, Kerr, Kidd, King, Lea, W. Lewellen, Lindsey, Lovell, Lowery, Maloch, S. Malone, M. Martin, Maxwell, McCrary, McLean, Moore, Nickels, Nix, Overbey, Patterson, Pennartz, Perry, Pierce, Powers, Pyle, Ragland, Rainey, Reep, Reynolds, Rice, J. Roebuck, J. Rogers, T. Rogers, Sample, Saunders, Shelby, Slinkard, L. Smith, Stewart, Summers, Tyler, Wagner, Webb, Wells, B. Wilkins, Williams, Woods, Word, Mr. Speaker.

Total	99
NEGATIVE:	
Total	0
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: G. Smith.	
Total	1
VOTING PRESENT:	
Total	0
Total number of votes cast.....	99
Total number voting in the affirmative	99
Necessary to the adoption of the emergency clause.....	67

So the Emergency Clause was adopted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1671

BY: REPRESENTATIVE HARRELSON

Was read the third time and placed on final passage, the question being shall the Bill pass. The vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: Adcock, Allen, Baird, T. Baker, Barnett, Betts, Blount, T. Bradford, Breedlove, J. Brown, J. Burris, M. Burris, Carnine, Carroll, Carter, Cash, Cheatham, Clemmer, Cole, Cook, Cooper, L. Cowling, Dale, Davenport, Davis, J. Dickinson, Dismang, Dunn, J. Edwards, English, Everett, Flowers, Garner, Gaskill, George, Glidewell, R. Green, Greenberg, Hall, Hardy, Harrelson, Hawkins, Hobbs, Hopper, House, Hoyt, D. Hutchinson, Hyde, Ingram, Kerr, Kidd, King, Lea, W. Lewellen, Lindsey, Lovell, Lowery, Maloch, S. Malone, M. Martin, Maxwell, McCrary, McLean, Moore, Nickels, Nix, Overbey, Patterson, Pennartz, Perry, Pierce, Powers, Pyle, Ragland, Rainey, Reep, Reynolds, Rice, J. Roebuck, J. Rogers, T. Rogers, Sample, Saunders, Shelby, Slinkard, L. Smith, Stewart, Summers, Tyler, Wagner, Webb, Wells, B. Wilkins, Williams, Woods, Word, Mr. Speaker.

Total	97
NEGATIVE:	
Total	0
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Abernathy, G. Smith.	
Total	2
VOTING PRESENT: D. Creekmore.	
Total	1
Total number of votes cast	98
Total number voting in the affirmative.....	97
Necessary to the passage of the bill.....	51

So the Bill passed and the title as read was agreed to.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1990

BY: REPRESENTATIVE J. ROEBUCK

Was read the third time and placed on final passage, the question being shall the Bill pass. The vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: Abernathy, Adcock, Allen, Baird, T. Baker, Barnett, Betts, Blount, T. Bradford, J. Brown, J. Burris, M. Burris, Carnine, Carroll, Carter, Cash, Cheatham, Clemmer, Cole, Cook, Cooper, L. Cowling, D. Creekmore, Dale, Davenport, Davis, J. Dickinson, Dismang, Dunn, J. Edwards, English, Everett, Flowers, Garner, Gaskill, George, Glidewell, R. Green, Greenberg, Harrelson, Hawkins, Hobbs, Hopper, House, Hoyt, D. Hutchinson, Hyde, Ingram, Kerr, Kidd, King, Lea, W. Lewellen, Lindsey, Lovell, Lowery, Maloch, S. Malone, M. Martin, Maxwell, McCrary, McLean, Moore, Nickels, Nix, Overbey, Patterson, Pennartz, Perry, Pierce, Powers, Pyle, Rainey, Reep, Reynolds, Rice, J. Roebuck, J. Rogers, T. Rogers, Sample, Saunders, Shelby, Slinkard, L. Smith, Stewart, Summers, Tyler, Wagner, Webb, Wells, B. Wilkins, Williams, Woods, Word, Mr. Speaker.

Total95

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Breedlove, Hall, Hardy, Ragland, G. Smith.

Total5

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast95

Total number voting in the affirmative95

Necessary to the passage of the bill.....51

So the Bill passed and the title as read was agreed to.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1849

BY: REPRESENTATIVE NICKELS

Was read the third time and placed on final passage, the question being shall the Bill pass. The vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: Abernathy, Adcock, Allen, Baird, Barnett, Betts, Blount, T. Bradford, Breedlove, J. Brown, J. Burris, M. Burris, Carnine, Carroll, Carter, Cash, Cheatham, Clemmer, Cole, Cook, Cooper, L. Cowling, D. Creekmore, Dale, Davenport, Davis, J. Dickinson, Dismang, Dunn, J. Edwards, English, Everett, Flowers, Garner, Gaskill, George, Glidewell, R. Green, Greenberg, Harrelson, Hawkins, Hobbs, Hopper, House, Hoyt, D. Hutchinson, Hyde, Ingram, Kerr, Kidd, King, Lea, W. Lewellen, Lindsey, Lovell, Lowery, Maloch, S. Malone, M. Martin, Maxwell, McCrary, McLean, Moore, Nickels, Nix, Overbey, Patterson, Pennartz, Perry, Pierce, Powers, Pyle, Ragland, Rainey, Reep, Reynolds, Rice, J. Roebuck, J. Rogers, T. Rogers, Sample, Saunders, Shelby, Slinkard, L. Smith, Stewart, Summers, Tyler, Wagner, Webb, Wells, B. Wilkins, Williams, Woods, Word, Mr. Speaker.

Total	96
NEGATIVE:	
Total	0
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: T. Baker, Hall, Hardy, G. Smith.	
Total	4
VOTING PRESENT:	
Total	0
Total number of votes cast	96
Total number voting in the affirmative.....	96
Necessary to the passage of the bill.....	51

So the Bill passed and the title as read was agreed to.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1568

BY: REPRESENTATIVE HOBBS

Was read the third time and placed on final passage, the question being shall the Bill pass. The vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: Abernathy, Adcock, Allen, Baird, T. Baker, Barnett, Betts, Blount, T. Bradford, Breedlove, J. Brown, J. Burris, M. Burris, Carnine, Carroll, Carter, Cash, Cheatham, Clemmer, Cole, Cook, Cooper, L. Cowling, D. Creekmore, Dale, Davenport, Davis, J. Dickinson, Dismang, Dunn, J. Edwards, English, Everett, Flowers, Garner, Gaskill, George, Glidewell, R. Green, Greenberg, Hall, Hardy, Harrelson, Hawkins, Hobbs, Hopper, House, Hoyt, D. Hutchinson, Hyde, Ingram, Kerr, Kidd, King, Lea, W. Lewellen, Lindsey, Lovell, Lowery, Maloch, S. Malone, M. Martin, Maxwell, McCrary, McLean, Moore, Nix, Overbey, Patterson, Pennartz, Perry, Pierce, Powers, Pyle, Ragland, Rainey, Reep, Reynolds, Rice, J. Roebuck, J. Rogers, T. Rogers, Sample, Saunders, Shelby, Slinkard, L. Smith, Stewart, Summers, Tyler, Wagner, Webb, Wells, B. Wilkins, Williams, Woods, Word, Mr. Speaker.

Total	98
NEGATIVE:	
Total	0
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Nickels, G. Smith.	
Total	2
VOTING PRESENT:	
Total	0
Total number of votes cast	98
Total number voting in the affirmative	98
Necessary to the passage of the bill.....	51

So the Bill passed and the title as read was agreed to.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1569

BY: REPRESENTATIVE HOBBS

Was read the third time and placed on final passage, the question being shall the Bill pass. The vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: Abernathy, Allen, Baird, T. Baker, Barnett, Betts, Blount, T. Bradford, Breedlove, J. Brown, J. Burris, M. Burris, Carnine, Carroll, Carter, Cash, Cheatham, Clemmer, Cole, Cook, Cooper, L. Cowling, D. Creekmore, Dale, Davenport, Davis, J. Dickinson, Dismang, Dunn, J. Edwards, English, Everett, Flowers, Garner, Gaskill, George, Glidewell, R. Green, Greenberg, Hall, Hardy, Harrelson, Hawkins, Hobbs, Hopper, House, Hoyt, D. Hutchinson, Hyde, Ingram, Kerr, Kidd, King, Lea, W. Lewellen, Lindsey, Lovell, Lowery, Maloch, S. Malone, M. Martin, Maxwell, McCrary, McLean, Moore, Nickels, Nix, Overbey, Patterson, Pennartz, Perry, Pierce, Powers, Pyle, Ragland, Rainey, Reep, Reynolds, Rice, J. Roebuck, J. Rogers, T. Rogers, Sample, Saunders, Shelby, Slinkard, L. Smith, Stewart, Summers, Tyler, Wagner, Webb, Wells, B. Wilkins, Williams, Woods, Word, Mr. Speaker.

Total	98
NEGATIVE:	
Total	0
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Adcock, G. Smith.	
Total	2
VOTING PRESENT:	
Total	0
Total number of votes cast	98
Total number voting in the affirmative.....	98
Necessary to the passage of the bill.....	51

So the Bill passed and the title as read was agreed to.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2046

BY: REPRESENTATIVE WELLS

Was read the third time and placed on final passage, the question being shall the Bill pass. The vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: Abernathy, Allen, Baird, T. Baker, Barnett, Betts, Blount, T. Bradford, Breedlove, J. Brown, J. Burris, M. Burris, Carnine, Carroll, Carter, Cash, Cheatham, Clemmer, Cole, Cook, Cooper, L. Cowling, D. Creekmore, Dale, Davenport, Davis, J. Dickinson, Dismang, Dunn, J. Edwards, English, Everett, Flowers, Gaskill, George, Glidewell, Hall, Hardy, Harrelson, Hawkins, Hobbs, Hopper, House, Hoyt, D. Hutchinson, Ingram, Kerr, Kidd, King, Lea, W. Lewellen, Lindsey, Lovell, Lowery, Maloch, S. Malone, M. Martin, Maxwell, McCrary, McLean, Moore, Nickels, Nix, Overbey, Patterson, Pennartz, Perry, Pierce, Powers, Pyle, Ragland, Rainey, Reep, Reynolds, Rice, J. Roebuck, J. Rogers, T. Rogers, Sample, Saunders, Shelby, Slinkard, L. Smith, Stewart, Summers, Tyler, Wagner, Webb, Wells, B. Wilkins, Williams, Woods, Word, Mr. Speaker.

Total94

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Adcock, Garner, R. Green, Greenberg, Hyde, G. Smith.

Total6

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast94

Total number voting in the affirmative94

Necessary to the passage of the bill.....51

So the Bill passed and the title as read was agreed to.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1948

BY: REPRESENTATIVE J. BROWN

Was read the third time and placed on final passage, the question being shall the Bill pass. The vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: Abernathy, Allen, Baird, T. Baker, Barnett, Betts, Blount, T. Bradford, Breedlove, J. Brown, J. Burris, M. Burris, Carnine, Carroll, Carter, Cash, Cheatham, Clemmer, Cole, Cook, Cooper, L. Cowling, D. Creekmore, Dale, Davenport, Davis, J. Dickinson, Dismang, Dunn, J. Edwards, English, Everett, Flowers, Garner, Gaskill, George, Glidewell, R. Green, Greenberg, Hall, Hardy, Harrelson, Hawkins, Hopper, House, Hoyt, D. Hutchinson, Hyde, Ingram, Kerr, Kidd, King, Lea, W. Lewellen, Lindsey, Lovell, Lowery, Maloch, S. Malone, M. Martin, Maxwell, McCrary, McLean, Moore, Nickels, Nix, Overbey, Patterson, Pennartz, Perry, Pierce, Powers, Pyle, Ragland, Rainey, Reep, Reynolds, Rice, J. Roebuck, J. Rogers, T. Rogers, Sample, Saunders, Shelby, Slinkard, L. Smith, Stewart, Summers, Tyler, Wagner, Webb, Wells, B. Wilkins, Williams, Woods, Word, Mr. Speaker.

Total	97
NEGATIVE:	
Total	0
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Adcock, Hobbs, G. Smith.	
Total	3
VOTING PRESENT:	
Total	0
Total number of votes cast	97
Total number voting in the affirmative.....	97
Necessary to the passage of the bill.....	51

So the Bill passed and the title as read was agreed to.

Representative Greenberg moved that the record by which **HOUSE BILL NO. 1256** failed to pass be expunged from the record, which motion prevailed by more than 67 votes.

AFFIRMATIVE: Abernathy, Adcock, Allen, Baird, T. Baker, Barnett, Betts, Blount, T. Bradford, Breedlove, J. Brown, J. Burris, M. Burris, Carnine, Carroll, Carter, Cash, Cheatham, Clemmer, Cook, Cooper, D. Creekmore, Dale, Davenport, Davis, J. Dickinson, Dismang, J. Edwards, English, Everett, Flowers, Garner, Gaskill, George, Glidewell, Greenberg, Hardy, Harrelson, Hawkins, Hobbs, Hopper, House, Hoyt, D. Hutchinson, Hyde, Ingram, Kerr, Kidd, King, Lea, W. Lewellen, Lowery, Maloch, S. Malone, M. Martin, Maxwell, McCrary, McLean, Moore, Nickels, Nix, Overbey, Patterson, Pennartz, Perry, Pierce, Powers, Pyle, Ragland, Rainey, Reep, Reynolds, Rice, J. Roebuck, J. Rogers, T. Rogers, Sample, Saunders, Shelby, Slinkard, L. Smith, Stewart, Summers, Tyler, Wagner, Webb, B. Wilkins, Williams, Woods, Word, Mr. Speaker.

Total	91
NEGATIVE: L. Cowling, R. Green, Hall, Lindsey, Lovell, Wells.	
Total	6
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Cole, Dunn, G. Smith.	
Total	3
VOTING PRESENT:	
Total	0
Total number of votes cast	97
Total number voting in the affirmative	91
Necessary to the adoption of the motion	67

So the Motion was adopted.

Upon motion of Representative Greenberg, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1256** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1256

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1256** as originally introduced:

Page 3, delete lines 9 through 14 and substitute:

“(c)(1) A person commits the crime of observing a drag race as a spectator on a public highway if he or she with the purpose to observe a drag race on a public highway:

(A) Is knowingly present at and purposely observes the drag race or the preparation for the drag race; and

(B) Purposely demonstrates through active encouragement, solicitation, promotion, assistance, facilitation, urging, or a request that the drag race commence.

(2) Observing a drag race is a Class B misdemeanor.”

/s/ Dan Greenberg

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw
Chief Clerk

SENATE BILL NO. 312

BY: SENATOR STEELE

Was read the third time and placed on final passage, the question being shall the Bill pass. The vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: Abernathy, Adcock, Allen, Baird, T. Baker, Barnett, Betts, Blount, T. Bradford, Breedlove, J. Brown, M. Burris, Carnine, Carroll, Carter, Cash, Cheatham, Cole, Cook, Cooper, L. Cowling, D. Creekmore, Dale, Davenport, Davis, J. Dickinson, Dismang, Dunn, J. Edwards, English, Everett, Flowers, Garner, Gaskill, George, Glidewell, R. Green, Greenberg, Hall, Hardy, Harrelson, Hawkins, Hobbs, Hopper, House, Hoyt, Hyde, Ingram, Kerr, Kidd, Lea, W. Lewellen, Lindsey, Lovell, Lowery, Maloch, S. Malone, M. Martin, Maxwell, McCrary, McLean, Moore, Nickels, Nix, Overbey, Patterson, Pennartz, Perry, Pierce, Powers, Pyle, Ragland, Rainey, Reep, Reynolds, Rice, J. Roebuck, J. Rogers, T. Rogers, Sample, Saunders, Shelby, Slinkard, L. Smith, Stewart, Summers, Wagner, Webb, Wells, Williams, Woods, Word, Mr. Speaker.

Total93

NEGATIVE: Clemmer, D. Hutchinson.

Total2

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: J. Burris, King, G. Smith, Tyler, B. Wilkins.

Total5

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....95

Total number voting in the affirmative93

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

So the Bill passed and the title as read was agreed to.

SENATE BILL NO. 88

BY: SENATOR GLOVER

Was read the third time and placed on final passage, the question being shall the Bill pass and shall the Emergency Clause be adopted. The vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: Abernathy, Adcock, Allen, Baird, T. Baker, Barnett, Betts, Blount, T. Bradford, Breedlove, J. Brown, J. Burris, M. Burris, Carnine, Carroll, Carter, Cash, Cheatham, Clemmer, Cole, Cook, Cooper, L. Cowling, D. Creekmore, Dale, Davenport, Davis, J. Dickinson, Dismang, Dunn, J. Edwards, English, Everett, Flowers, Garner, Gaskill, George, Glidewell, R. Green, Greenberg, Hall, Hardy, Harrelson, Hawkins, Hobbs, Hopper, House, Hoyt, D. Hutchinson, Hyde, Ingram, Kerr, Kidd, King, Lea, W. Lewellen, Lindsey, Lovell, Lowery, Maloch, S. Malone, M. Martin, Maxwell, McCrary, McLean, Moore, Nickels, Nix, Overbey, Patterson, Pennartz, Perry, Pierce, Powers, Pyle, Ragland, Rainey, Reep, Reynolds, Rice, J. Roebuck, J. Rogers, T. Rogers, Sample, Saunders, Shelby, Slinkard, L. Smith, Stewart, Summers, Tyler, Wagner, Webb, Wells, B. Wilkins, Williams, Woods, Word, Mr. Speaker.

Total99

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: G. Smith.

Total1

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast99

Total number voting in the affirmative99

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

So the Bill passed and the title as read was agreed to.

There being an Emergency Clause attached to **SENATE BILL NO. 88**, the Speaker ordered the clerk to call the roll upon the adoption of the Emergency Clause. The vote was as follows:

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

AFFIRMATIVE: Abernathy, Adcock, Allen, Baird, T. Baker, Barnett, Betts, Blount, T. Bradford, Breedlove, J. Brown, J. Burris, M. Burris, Carnine, Carroll, Carter, Cash, Cheatham, Clemmer, Cole, Cook, Cooper, L. Cowling, D. Creekmore, Dale, Davenport, Davis, J. Dickinson, Dismang, Dunn, J. Edwards, English, Everett, Flowers, Garner, Gaskill, George, Glidewell, R. Green, Greenberg, Hall, Hardy, Harrelson, Hawkins, Hobbs, Hopper, House, Hoyt, D. Hutchinson, Hyde, Ingram, Kerr, Kidd, King, Lea, W. Lewellen, Lindsey, Lovell, Lowery, Maloch, S. Malone, M. Martin, Maxwell, McCrary, McLean, Moore, Nickels, Nix, Overbey, Patterson, Pennartz, Perry, Pierce, Powers, Pyle, Ragland, Rainey, Reep, Reynolds, Rice, J. Roebuck, J. Rogers, T. Rogers, Sample, Saunders, Shelby, Slinkard, L. Smith, Stewart, Summers, Tyler, Wagner, Webb, Wells, B. Wilkins, Williams, Woods, Word, Mr. Speaker.

Total	99
NEGATIVE:	
Total	0
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: G. Smith.	
Total	1
VOTING PRESENT:	
Total	0
Total number of votes cast.....	99
Total number voting in the affirmative	99
Necessary to the adoption of the emergency clause.....	67

So the Emergency Clause was adopted.

SENATE BILL NO. 831

BY: SENATOR BOOKOUT

Was read the third time and placed on final passage, the question being shall the Bill pass. The vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: Abernathy, Adcock, Allen, Baird, T. Baker, Barnett, Betts, Blount, T. Bradford, Breedlove, J. Brown, J. Burris, M. Burris, Carnine, Carroll, Carter, Cash, Cheatham, Clemmer, Cole, Cook, Cooper, L. Cowling, D. Creekmore, Dale, Davenport, Davis, J. Dickinson, Dismang, Dunn, J. Edwards, English, Everett, Flowers, Garner, Gaskill, George, Glidewell, R. Green, Greenberg, Hall, Hardy, Harrelson, Hawkins, Hobbs, Hopper, House, Hoyt, D. Hutchinson, Hyde, Ingram, Kerr, Kidd, King, Lea, W. Lewellen, Lindsey, Lovell, Lowery, Maloch, M. Martin, Maxwell, McLean, Moore, Nickels, Nix, Overbey, Patterson, Pennartz, Perry, Pierce, Powers, Pyle, Ragland, Rainey, Reep, Reynolds, Rice, J. Roebuck, J. Rogers, T. Rogers, Sample, Saunders, Shelby, Slinkard, L. Smith, Stewart, Summers, Tyler, Wagner, Webb, Wells, B. Wilkins, Williams, Woods, Word, Mr. Speaker.

Total97

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: S. Malone, McCrary, G. Smith.

Total3

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast97

Total number voting in the affirmative97

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

So the Bill passed and the title as read was agreed to.

SENATE BILL NO. 230

BY: SENATOR J. JEFFRESS

Was read the third time and placed on final passage, the question being shall the Bill pass. The vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: Abernathy, Allen, T. Baker, Betts, Blount, T. Bradford, Breedlove, J. Brown, M. Burris, Carnine, Carroll, Cash, Cheatham, Cole, Cook, Cooper, L. Cowling, Dale, Davenport, Davis, J. Dickinson, Dunn, J. Edwards, English, Everett, Flowers, Gaskill, George, Hall, Hardy, Harrelson, Hawkins, House, Hoyt, Ingram, Kidd, W. Lewellen, Lovell, Lowery, Maloch, Maxwell, McCrary, Moore, Nickels, Nix, Overbey, Patterson, Pennartz, Perry, Pierce, Powers, Rainey, Reep, Reynolds, J. Roebuck, J. Rogers, T. Rogers, Sample, Saunders, Shelby, Stewart, Summers, Tyler, Wagner, Webb, Wells, B. Wilkins, Williams, Woods, Word.

Total70

NEGATIVE: Adcock, Baird, Barnett, J. Burris, Carter, Clemmer, Dismang, Garner, Greenberg, Hobbs, Hopper, D. Hutchinson, Kerr, King, Lea, Lindsey, S. Malone, M. Martin, McLean, Slinkard, L. Smith.

Total21

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: D. Creekmore, Glidewell, R. Green, Hyde, Pyle, Ragland, G. Smith, Mr. Speaker.

Total8

VOTING PRESENT: Rice.

Total1

Total number of votes cast.....92

Total number voting in the affirmative70

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

So the Bill passed and the title as read was agreed to.

SENATE BILL NO. 380

BY: SENATOR MILLER

Was read the third time and placed on final passage, the question being shall the Bill pass. The vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: Abernathy, Adcock, Allen, Baird, T. Baker, Barnett, Betts, Blount, T. Bradford, Breedlove, J. Brown, J. Burris, M. Burris, Carnine, Carroll, Carter, Cash, Cheatham, Clemmer, Cole, Cook, Cooper, L. Cowling, D. Creekmore, Dale, Davenport, Davis, J. Dickinson, Dismang, Dunn, J. Edwards, English, Everett, Flowers, Garner, Gaskill, George, Glidewell, R. Green, Greenberg, Hall, Hardy, Harrelson, Hawkins, Hobbs, Hopper, House, Hoyt, D. Hutchinson, Ingram, Kerr, Kidd, King, Lea, W. Lewellen, Lindsey, Lovell, Lowery, Maloch, S. Malone, M. Martin, Maxwell, McLean, Moore, Nickels, Nix, Overbey, Patterson, Pennartz, Perry, Pierce, Powers, Pyle, Ragland, Rainey, Reep, Rice, J. Roebuck, J. Rogers, T. Rogers, Sample, Saunders, Shelby, Slinkard, L. Smith, Stewart, Summers, Tyler, Wagner, Webb, Wells, B. Wilkins, Williams, Woods, Word.

Total95

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Hyde, McCrary, G. Smith, Mr. Speaker.

Total4

VOTING PRESENT: Reynolds.

Total1

Total number of votes cast96

Total number voting in the affirmative95

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

So the Bill passed and the title as read was agreed to.

Representative Cole moved to re-refer SENATE BILL NO. 966 back to the ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Committee. Motion carried.

SENATE BILL NO. 450

BY: SENATOR J. KEY

Was read the third time and placed on final passage, the question being shall the Bill pass. The vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: Abernathy, Adcock, Allen, Baird, T. Baker, Barnett, Betts, Blount, T. Bradford, Breedlove, J. Brown, J. Burris, M. Burris, Carroll, Carter, Cash, Cheatham, Clemmer, Cole, Cook, Cooper, L. Cowling, D. Creekmore, Dale, Davenport, Davis, J. Dickinson, Dismang, Dunn, J. Edwards, English, Everett, Flowers, Garner, Gaskill, George, Glidewell, R. Green, Greenberg, Hall, Hardy, Harrelson, Hawkins, Hobbs, Hopper, House, Hoyt, D. Hutchinson, Hyde, Ingram, Kerr, Kidd, King, Lea, W. Lewellen, Lindsey, Lovell, Lowery, Maloch, S. Malone, M. Martin, Maxwell, McCrary, McLean, Moore, Nickels, Nix, Overbey, Patterson, Pennartz, Perry, Pierce, Powers, Pyle, Ragland, Rainey, Reep, Reynolds, Rice, J. Roebuck, J. Rogers, T. Rogers, Sample, Saunders, Shelby, Slinkard, L. Smith, Stewart, Summers, Tyler, Wagner, Webb, Wells, B. Wilkins, Williams, Woods, Word, Mr. Speaker.

Total	98
NEGATIVE:	
Total	0
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Carnine, G. Smith.	
Total	2
VOTING PRESENT:	
Total	0
Total number of votes cast.....	98
Total number voting in the affirmative	98
Necessary to the passage of the bill	51

So the Bill passed and the title as read was agreed to.

HOUSE BILLS ORDERED TRANSMITTED TO THE SENATE AS PASSED

HOUSE BILL NO. 1568	BY REPRESENTATIVE HOBBS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1569	BY REPRESENTATIVE HOBBS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1624	BY REPRESENTATIVE DUNN
HOUSE BILL NO. 1671	BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRELSON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1849	BY REPRESENTATIVE NICKELS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1948	BY REPRESENTATIVE J. BROWN
HOUSE BILL NO. 1953	BY REPRESENTATIVE MOORE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1990	BY REPRESENTATIVE J. ROEBUCK
HOUSE BILL NO. 2046	BY REPRESENTATIVE WELLS

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AND
ORDERED TRANSMITTED TO THE SENATE

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1023	BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMS
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ARKANSAS SENATE

HOUSE BILLS RETURNED FROM THE SENATE AS PASSED

HOUSE BILL NO. 1124	BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1137	BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1326	BY REPRESENTATIVE L. SMITH
HOUSE BILL NO. 1336	BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1369	BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1379	BY REPRESENTATIVE SUMMERS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1426	BY REPRESENTATIVE PERRY
HOUSE BILL NO. 1522	BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1557	BY REPRESENTATIVE REEP
HOUSE BILL NO. 1573	BY REPRESENTATIVE LOWERY
HOUSE BILL NO. 1594	BY REPRESENTATIVE MALOCH
HOUSE BILL NO. 1644	BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVENPORT
HOUSE BILL NO. 1645	BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVENPORT

ARKANSAS SENATE

HOUSE BILLS RETURNED FROM THE SENATE AS PASSED, CONTINUED

HOUSE BILL NO. 1700	BY REPRESENTATIVE MOORE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1705	
AS AMENDED #1	BY REPRESENTATIVE REEP
HOUSE BILL NO. 1882	BY REPRESENTATIVE WELLS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1883	BY REPRESENTATIVE WELLS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1898	BY REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS

ARKANSAS SENATE

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS CONCURRED IN
AND RETURNED TO THE HOUSE

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1010	BY REPRESENTATIVE MALOCH
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ARKANSAS SENATE

SENATE BILLS ORDERED RETURNED TO THE SENATE AS PASSED

SENATE BILL NO. 88	
AS AMENDED #1	BY SENATOR GLOVER
SENATE BILL NO. 230	BY SENATOR J. JEFFRESS
SENATE BILL NO. 312	
AS AMENDED #1	BY SENATOR STEELE
SENATE BILL NO. 362	BY SENATOR D. JOHNSON
SENATE BILL NO. 380	BY SENATOR MILLER
SENATE BILL NO. 450	BY SENATOR J. KEY
SENATE BILL NO. 658	BY SENATOR FARIS
SENATE BILL NO. 676	BY SENATOR HENDREN
SENATE BILL NO. 764	BY SENATE EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE
SENATE BILL NO. 776	BY SENATOR MADISON
SENATE BILL NO. 831	BY SENATOR BOOKOUT
SENATE BILL NO. 841	BY SENATOR G. BAKER

ENROLLED AND DELIVERY TO GOVERNOR REPORTS

Little Rock, Arkansas

March 16, 2009

MR. SPEAKER:

We, your committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1124	BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1010	BY REPRESENTATIVE MALOCH

beg leave to report that we have carefully compared the enrolled copies with the original and we find the same correctly enrolled and have at 4:25 p.m. delivered them to the Governor for his approval.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Wilhelmina Lewellen,
Chairperson

RECEIPT FROM THE GOVERNOR

RECEIVED FROM THE HOUSE:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1124	BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
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/s/ Mike Beebe - Governor

TIME: 4:25 p.m.

By: J. D. Lowery

STATE OF ARKANSAS

MIKE BEEBE

GOVERNOR

March 13, 2009

TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Dear Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that on March 13, 2009, I approved the following measures from the Regular Session of the Eighty-seventh General Assembly:

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| HOUSE BILL NO. 1090 - ACT 395 | HOUSE BILL NO. 1462 - ACT 408 |
| HOUSE BILL NO. 1130 - ACT 396 | HOUSE BILL NO. 1463 - ACT 409 |
| HOUSE BILL NO. 1272 - ACT 397 | HOUSE BILL NO. 1492 - ACT 410 |
| HOUSE BILL NO. 1325 - ACT 398 | HOUSE BILL NO. 1493 - ACT 411 |
| HOUSE BILL NO. 1384 - ACT 399 | HOUSE BILL NO. 1496 - ACT 412 |
| HOUSE BILL NO. 1386 - ACT 400 | HOUSE BILL NO. 1500 - ACT 413 |
| HOUSE BILL NO. 1387 - ACT 401 | HOUSE BILL NO. 1559 - ACT 414 |
| HOUSE BILL NO. 1409 - ACT 402 | HOUSE BILL NO. 1579 - ACT 415 |
| HOUSE BILL NO. 1435 - ACT 403 | HOUSE BILL NO. 1589 - ACT 416 |
| HOUSE BILL NO. 1452 - ACT 404 | HOUSE BILL NO. 1600 - ACT 417 |
| HOUSE BILL NO. 1453 - ACT 405 | HOUSE BILL NO. 1622 - ACT 418 |
| HOUSE BILL NO. 1455 - ACT 406 | HOUSE BILL NO. 1630 - ACT 419 |
| HOUSE BILL NO. 1457 - ACT 407 | HOUSE BILL NO. 1717 - ACT 420 |
| HOUSE BILL NO. 1841 - ACT 421 | |

Sincerely,

/s/ Mike Beebe

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MIKE BEEBE

GOVERNOR

March 16, 2009

TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Dear Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that on March 16, 2009, I approved the following measures from the Regular Session of the Eighty-seventh General Assembly:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1403 - ACT 432

Sincerely,

/s/ Mike Beebe

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ROBBIE WILLS, SPEAKER
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Whom It May Concern
FROM: House Committee on the Journal; Engrossed and Enrolled Bills
DATE: March 16, 2009
SUBJECT: AMENDMENT # 3 to HOUSE BILL NO. 1002

The House Committee on the Journal; Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, by this letter, approves the correction of an error in Amendment #3 to HB 1002. In the Amendment, page 1, second paragraph should read: "Delete Sections 1-17 of the bill in their entirety and substitute." (27 was changed to 17)

The Committee authorizes the Chief Clerk to carry out the intent of the amendment by correctly engrossing HB 1002.

/s/ Wilhelmina Lewellen
Speaker of the House Designee

/s/ Rick Green

/s/ Robert Moore, Jr., Chairman
House Rules

/s/ Barbara Nix

/s/ Barry Hyde, Chairman
House Management Committee

/s/ Tim Massanelli, Parliamentarian

cc: Jo Renshaw, Chief Clerk

Hall of the House of Representatives
 87th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2009
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1002
 "THE ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY ACT."

Amendment No. 3 to House Bill No. 1002.

Amend House Bill No. 1002 as engrossed, H3/12/09 (version: 03-12-2009 09:24):

Add as cosponsors of the bill:

Representatives Cole, Powers

AND

Delete Sections 1-27 (17) of the bill in their entirety and substitute:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23 is amended to add an additional chapter to read as follows:

CHAPTER 115
 ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY ACT
 SUBCHAPTER 1
 GENERAL PROVISIONS

23-115-101. Short title.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act".

23-115-102. Legislative intent.

It is found and declared by the General Assembly that:

(1) Net proceeds of lotteries conducted under this chapter shall be used to:

(A) Fund and provide for scholarships and grants to citizens of the State of Arkansas enrolled in public and private nonprofit two-year and four-year colleges and universities located within the state; and

(B) Supplement, not supplant, nonlottery educational resources;

(2) Lotteries shall be operated and managed in a manner that:

- (A) Provides continuing entertainment to the public;
- (B) Maximizes revenues; and

STATE OF ARKANSAS

House of Representatives

March 16, 2009

To Journal:

I would like to place a note in the Journal stating that I accidentally voted "NO" on **HOUSE BILL NO. 1953** - TO ENCOURAGE AND FOSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZE COMMUNITIES BY ALLOWING A TAX CREDIT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES LOCATED IN ARKANSAS. I intended to vote "YES" but the wrong button hidden behind my laptop and did not notice in time to correct the vote before the tally.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mark Martin
State Representative

SENATE BILL NO. 362

BY: SENATOR D. JOHNSON**BY: REPRESENTATIVE CASH**

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR LEGAL COUNSEL EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 781 OF 2007; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

SENATE BILL NO. 658

BY: SENATORS FARIS, BROADWAY, T. SMITH

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES AND ARTS - AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FOR CONSTRUCTION, PERSONAL SERVICES, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and placed on the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 676

BY: SENATOR HENDREN

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 103 OF 2009, THE REAPPROPRIATION ACT FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and placed on the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 764

BY: SENATE EFFICIENCY

A BILL FOR AN ACT BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE - STAFF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and placed on the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 776

BY: SENATOR MADISON

BY: REPRESENTATIVE POWERS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILES, THE JUVENILE CODE, AND JUVENILE JUSTICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY.

SENATE BILL NO. 841

BY: SENATOR G. BAKER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE SURVEYOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on STATE AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

Upon motion of Representative Curren Everett, the House adjourned at 4:01 p.m. until 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, 2009.

ATTEST:

Robbie Wills
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Jo Renshaw
Chief Clerk

