

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2271

By: Representative Harris

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ARKANSAS STATE-SUPPORTED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES FROM DENYING RECOGNITION, PRIVILEGES, OR BENEFITS TO A STUDENT ORGANIZATION OR GROUP ON THE BASIS OF RELIGIOUS CONTENT OF THE ORGANIZATION'S OR GROUP'S SPEECH OR THE MANNER IN WHICH THE ORGANIZATION OR GROUP DETERMINES ITS ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

PROHIBIT ARKANSAS STATE-SUPPORTED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES FROM DENYING RECOGNITION, PRIVILEGES, OR BENEFITS TO A STUDENT ORGANIZATION OR GROUP ON THE BASIS OF RELIGION.

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

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

6-60-104. Student organizations or groups with a religious affiliation.

(a) A state-supported institution of higher education shall not:

(1) Discriminate against or deny recognition of a student group or organization based on the religious affiliation of the student group or organization's speech or activities, including without limitation worship; or

(2) Deny a privilege or benefit to a student group or



organization on the basis of the exercise of rights under subsection (b) of this section.

(b) A student group or organization with a religious affiliation may limit student membership in the student group or organization to student members that support the mission and activities of the student group or organization, including without limitation the student group or organization's mission and activities concerning:

- (1) Internal affairs;
- (2) Leadership;
- (3) Membership;
- (4) Doctrines; and
- (5) Dispute resolutions.

/s/Harris