

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 1002

By: Senator R. Thompson
By: Representative Ratliff

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, PART 2, CONCERNING STUDENTS WHO OBTAIN A GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, PART 2, CONCERNING STUDENTS WHO OBTAIN A GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-85-204(22)(A), concerning the definition of "traditional student" under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, Part, is amended to read as follows:

(22)(A) "Traditional student" means a student who, ~~beginning with the 2010-2011 academic year:~~

(i) Will enter postsecondary education as a full-time first-time freshman on or before the fall semester of the academic year that begins immediately following:

(a) ~~the~~ The student's graduation from high school; or

(b) The last day of the school year:

(1) That would have been the student's junior or senior year of high school; and



(2) In which the student completes the requirements for high school graduation and obtains a General Educational Development certificate instead of receiving a diploma; and

(ii) Remains continuously enrolled as a full-time student.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-85-207(3), concerning the eligibility requirements for a traditional student under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program - Part 2, is amended to read as follows:

~~(3) Graduated from a private high school, an out-of-state high school, or a home school high school and achieved~~ Achieved a minimum composite score of nineteen (19) on the ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent and:

(A) Graduated from a private high school, an out-of-state high school, or a home school high school; or

(B) In the year in which the student would have been a junior or senior in high school, completed the requirements for high school graduation and obtained a General Educational Development certificate instead of receiving a diploma.

/s/R. Thompson