

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1011

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO GIVE THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE A SCHOLARSHIP HOLD FOR UP TO TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS FOR MOST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO GIVE THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE A SCHOLARSHIP HOLD FOR UP TO TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS FOR MOST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-82-304, concerning administration of the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program and the authority of the Department of Higher Education, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(8) Approve a scholarship hold for a student for a period of twenty-four (24) months or less for the following reasons without limitation:

(A) A medical condition of the student or a member of the student's immediate family that, on the basis of a physician's good-faith judgment, necessitates the student or the student's immediate family member be hospitalized or receive outpatient or home-based medical care or recuperate until released by the attending physician;

(B) A personal or family emergency that requires the



student to:

- (i) Attend the funeral of an immediate family member; or
- (ii) Visit a relative of the student if the relative has a medical condition in which death is possible or imminent;
- (C) Military service under § 6-61-112; or
- (D)(i) A commitment of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) months for service in a national or international humanitarian project sponsored by a nonprofit corporation organized with a charitable or educational purpose.
- (ii) The student's commitment shall be expressed in a written agreement with the nonprofit organization, including the terms of completion for the student's service on the related project.
- (iii) The department shall release a scholarship hold if the department determines that the student did not complete the commitment under the written agreement.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 82, Subchapter 11, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-82-1106. Scholarship hold.

The Department of Higher Education may approve a scholarship hold for a student for a period of twenty-four (24) months or less for the following reasons without limitation;

- (1) A medical condition of the student or of a member of the student's immediate family that, on the basis of a physician's good-faith judgment, necessitates that the student or the student's immediate family member be hospitalized or receive outpatient or home-based medical care or recuperate until released by the attending physician;
- (2) A personal or family emergency that requires the student to:
 - (A) Attend the funeral of an immediate family member; or
 - (B) Visit a relative of the student if the relative has a medical condition in which death is possible or imminent;
- (3) Military service under § 6-61-112; or
- (4)(A) A commitment of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) months for service in a national or international humanitarian project sponsored by a nonprofit corporation organized with a charitable or educational purpose.

(B) The student's commitment shall be expressed in a written agreement with the nonprofit organization, including the terms of completion for the student's service on the related project.

(C) The department shall release a scholarship hold if the department determines that the student did not complete the commitment under the written agreement.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-82-1604, concerning Administration of the Arkansas Workforce Improvement Grant Program and the authority of the Department of Higher Education, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(12) To approve a scholarship hold for a student for a period of twenty-four (24) months or less for the following reasons without limitation:

(A) A medical condition of the student or of a member of the student's immediate family that, on the basis of a physician's good-faith judgment, necessitates that the student or the student's immediate family member be hospitalized or receive outpatient or home-based medical care or recuperate until released by the attending physician;

(B) A personal or family emergency that requires the student to:

(i) Attend the funeral of an immediate family member; or

(ii) Visit a relative of the student if the relative has a medical condition in which death is possible or imminent;

(C) Military service under § 6-61-112; or

(D)(i) A commitment of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) months for service in a national or international humanitarian project sponsored by a nonprofit corporation organized with a charitable or educational purpose.

(ii) The student's commitment shall be expressed in a written agreement with the nonprofit organization, including the terms of completion for the student's service on the related project.

(iii) The department shall release a scholarship hold if the department determines that the student did not complete the commitment under the written agreement.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 82, Subchapter 17, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-82-1710. Scholarship hold.

The Department of Higher Education may approve a scholarship hold for a student for a period of twenty-four (24) months or less for the following reasons without limitation;

(1) A medical condition of the student or of a member of the student's immediate family that, on the basis of a physician's good-faith judgment, necessitates that the student or the student's immediate family member to hospitalized or receive outpatient or home-based medical care or recuperate until released by the attending physician;

(2) A personal or family emergency that requires the student to:

(A) Attend the funeral of an immediate family member; or

(B) Visit a relative of the student if the relative has a medical condition in which death is possible or imminent;

(3) Military service under § 6-61-112; or

(4)(A) A commitment of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) months for service in a national or international humanitarian project sponsored by a nonprofit corporation organized with a charitable or educational purpose.

(B) The student's commitment shall be expressed in a written agreement with the nonprofit organization, including the terms of completion for the student's service on the related project.

(C) The department shall release a scholarship hold if the department determines that the student did not complete the commitment under the written agreement.

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