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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1898

By: Representative Baltz

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO OFFER STATE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS A REDUCED TUITION RATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO OFFER STATE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS A REDUCED TUITION RATE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-60-214. Reduced tuition for state employees and their dependents.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Dependent" means:

(A) Any natural child, stepchild, or adopted child of a state employee; and

(B) Any individual of whom a state employee is the legal guardian; and

(2) "State employee" means an individual who is:

(A) A part-time or full-time employee of the State of Arkansas or any branch, department, board, bureau, commission, state-supported institution of higher education, or public school district; and

(B) Vested in a retirement plan under § 24-1-101 et seq.



(b)(1) A state-supported institution of higher education shall reduce tuition for a state employee or his or her dependent to a rate that is at least ten percent (10%) below the tuition rate set for residents of this state.

(2) A state-supported institution of higher education may reduce tuition for a state employee or his or her dependent more than is required under subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

(c) The reduced tuition rate is available to a state employee or his or her dependent so long as:

(1) The state employee or dependent of the state employee maintains a grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale; and

(2) The state employee remains a state employee.