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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM AND THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - PART 2; TO ALLOW A RECIPIENT OF AN ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARSHIP OR ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP IN HIS OR HER FOURTH ACADEMIC YEAR WHILE HE OR SHE IS ENROLLED AS A PART-TIME STUDENT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO ALLOW A RECIPIENT OF AN ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP TO RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP WHILE ENROLLED AS A PART-TIME STUDENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW RECIPIENTS OF ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARSHIPS, ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIPS, AND THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIPS WHILE ENROLLED PART-TIME.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-82-311(c), concerning student requirements for maintaining eligibility under the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Provided sufficient funds are available, a scholarship shall be awarded for one (1) academic year and renewed annually for three (3)



additional academic years if the following conditions for renewal are met:

(1) The A student receiving a scholarship under § 6-82-312(a) maintains not less than a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scholastic grading scale;

(2) A student receiving a scholarship under § ~~6-82-312(a)~~ 6-82-312(b) maintains not less than a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scholastic grading scale;

(3) The A recipient of a scholarship under § 6-82-312(a) and (b) has successfully completed a total of at least twenty-seven (27) hours during the first full academic year and, if applicable, a total of at least thirty (30) hours per academic year thereafter; ~~and~~

(4) The A recipient of a scholarship under § 6-82-312(a) and (b) has met any other continuing eligibility criteria established by the Department of Higher Education; ~~and~~

(5)(A) If a student who has continuously been a recipient of the scholarship under § 6-82-312(a) or (b) for at least three (3) consecutive years is enrolled as a part-time student in the student's fourth academic year, the student shall be eligible to continue to receive the scholarship under § 6-82-312(a) or (b) if the student has completed, by his or her fourth academic year, or is enrolled in, for his or her fourth academic year, the requisite number of credit hours to complete the student's degree program.

(B) The scholarship amount for each semester in which a student who is the recipient of a scholarship under § 6-82-312(a) or (b) is enrolled under this subsection shall be prorated by the number of credit hours in which the student is enrolled.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(e)(1)(A)(iv)(c)(1), concerning the scholarship award amount under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program – Part 2 for a full-time scholarship recipient enrolled in a four-year approved institution of higher education, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) A recipient who is eligible to receive the scholarship under subdivision (e)(1)(A)(iv)(a) of this section may receive the scholarship while enrolled in a semester as a part-time student ~~if the recipient is enrolled in the number of credit hours necessary to complete the recipient's degree program.~~