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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1480

By: Representative Andrews

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "APPROVED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "APPROVED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION".

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-85-204(3), concerning the definition of "approved institution of higher education" under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, is amended to read as follows:

(3)(A) "Approved institution of higher education" means an institution of higher education approved by the division to participate in the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program and that is:

(i) A state-supported two-year or four-year college or university;

(ii) A private, nonprofit two-year or four-year college or university with its primary headquarters located in Arkansas that is eligible to receive Title IV federal student aid funds;

(iii) An approved school of nursing, subject to the provisions of § 6-85-213(c);

(iv)(a) A public or private vocational-technical



school.

(b) A public or private vocational-technical school shall be bonded and insured; ~~or~~

(v)(a) A public or private technical institute.

(b) A public or private technical institute shall be bonded and insured; or

(vi) A training program that offers a certificate upon completion and that is part of a state-supported two-year or four-year college or university, including without limitation the Arkansas Fire Training Academy.

(B) An approved institution of higher education that is a private, nonprofit two-year or four-year college or university shall be eligible to receive Title IV federal student aid funds;