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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1480

5 By: Representative Andrews
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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17 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; AND TO AMEND THE
18 DEFINITION OF "APPROVED INSTITUTION OF
19 HIGHER EDUCATION".
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-85-204(3), concerning the definition of
24 "approved institution of higher education" under the Arkansas Academic
25 Challenge Scholarship Program, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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



1 school.

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

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

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

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

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

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