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2 89th General Assembly

# A Bill

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SENATE BILL 1002

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6 *By: Representative Ratliff*

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE  
10 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, PART 2, CONCERNING STUDENTS WHO  
11 OBTAIN A GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE;  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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

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24 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-85-204(22)(A), concerning the definition*  
25 *of "traditional student" under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship*  
26 *Program, Part, is amended to read as follows:*

27 *(22)(A) "Traditional student" means a student who, ~~beginning~~*  
28 *~~with the 2010-2011 academic year:~~*

29 *(i) Will enter postsecondary education as a full-*  
30 *time first-time freshman on or before the fall semester of the academic year*  
31 *that begins immediately following:*

32 *(a) ~~the~~ The student's graduation from high*  
33 *school; or*

34 *(b) The last day of the school year:*

35 *(1) That would have been the student's*  
36 *junior or senior year of high school; and*



1 (2) In which the student completes the  
2 requirements for high school graduation and obtains a General Educational  
3 Development certificate instead of receiving a diploma; and

4 (ii) Remains continuously enrolled as a full-time  
5 student.

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7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-85-207(3), concerning the eligibility  
8 requirements for a traditional student under the Arkansas Academic Challenge  
9 Scholarship Program - Part 2, is amended to read as follows:

10 (3) ~~Graduated from a private high school, an out-of-state high~~  
11 ~~school, or a home school high school and achieved~~ Achieved a minimum  
12 composite score of nineteen (19) on the ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT  
13 equivalent and:

14 (A) Graduated from a private high school, an out-of-state  
15 high school, or a home school high school; or

16 (B) In the year in which the student would have been a  
17 junior or senior in high school, completed the requirements for high school  
18 graduation and obtained a General Educational Development certificate instead  
19 of receiving a diploma.

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22 /s/R. Thompson

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