

1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: S2/9/21 S2/23/21

2 93rd General Assembly

A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2021

SENATE BILL 287

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5 By: Senator Hester

6 By: Representative Penzo

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR
10 CERTAIN ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIPS; TO AMEND THE
11 SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS TO ALLOW CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS
12 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIPS; TO DECLARE
13 AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

17 TO AMEND THE SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS TO
18 ALLOW CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO BE ELIGIBLE
19 FOR CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIPS; AND TO DECLARE
20 AN EMERGENCY.

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

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-82-306(b)(3), concerning eligibility
26 requirements for the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program, is amended to read
27 as follows:

28 (3) Is a ~~citizen~~;

29 (A) Citizen of the United States ~~or a permanent resident~~
30 ~~alien~~;

31 (B) Permanent resident alien;

32 (C) Person who holds or is the child of a person who holds
33 a Federal Form I-766 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services-
34 issued Employment Authorization Document, known popularly as a "work permit";
35 or

36 (D) Person who is a migrant from the Compact of Free



1 Association Islands;

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-82-404(b)(3), concerning eligibility
4 requirements under the Arkansas High Technology Scholarship Program, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (3) Is a ~~citizen;~~

7 (A) Citizen of the United States ~~or a permanent resident~~
8 ~~alien;~~

9 (B) Permanent resident alien;

10 (C) Person who holds or is the child of a person who holds
11 a Federal Form I-766 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services-
12 issued Employment Authorization Document, known popularly as a "work permit";
13 or

14 (D) Person who is a migrant from the Compact of Free
15 Association Islands; and

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17 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
18 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that current students would qualify
19 for scholarships based on the language of this act; and that this act is
20 immediately necessary to ensure that current students who would qualify for
21 scholarships based on the language of this act will not be denied
22 scholarships for the upcoming school year. Therefore, an emergency is
23 declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the
24 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
25 on:

26 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

27 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
28 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
29 bill; or

30 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
31 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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33 /s/Hester

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35 APPROVED: 3/1/21

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