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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1031

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE REDUCED COLLEGE TUITION TO STATE POLICE OFFICERS
AND THEIR DEPENDENTS."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1031.

Amend House Bill No. 1031 as originally introduced:

Add Representatives Reynolds, Hoyt, and Roebuck as cosponsors of the bill.

AND

Delete everything following the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, Subchapter 2 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-60-213. Reduced tuition for certain police officers.

(a) As used in this section:

(1)(A) "Covered police officer" means:

(i) Any employee of the Department of Arkansas State

Police who:

(a) Holds the rank of state trooper or a

higher rank; and

(b) Has been an employee of the

department for ten (10) or more years;

(ii) Any highway patrol police officer who has been an employee of the highway patrol for ten (10) or more years;

(iii) Any officer of the State Capitol Police who has been an employee of the State Capitol Police for ten (10) or more years; or

(iv) Any wildlife officer who has been an employee of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for ten (10) or more years.

(B) "Covered police officer" does not include:

(i) A civilian employee; or

(ii) Any person who is temporarily employed as a covered police officer due to an emergency situation;

(2) "Dependent" means a spouse or any natural child, stepchild, or adopted child of a covered police officer;

(3) "Institution of higher education" means a university, college, technical college, community college, or technical institute; and



(4)(A) "Tuition" means charges levied for attendance at an institution of higher education.

(B) "Tuition" does not include any fees charged or used for student activities, including without limitation any student athletic fee.

(b) Any covered police officer or his or her dependent who is enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment in a public institution of higher education in Arkansas shall have tuition reduced at a rate equal to the reduced rate of tuition provided to employees of that public institution of higher education.

(c) No covered police officer or his or her dependent may utilize the reduced rate of tuition for educational purposes beyond the baccalaureate degree.

(d)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (d)(2) of this section, a covered police officer or his or her dependent shall receive a reduced rate of tuition so long as the covered police officer or his or her dependent remains in good academic standing as determined by the public institution of higher education in which he or she is enrolled.

(2)(A) The reduced rate of tuition shall be terminated if the covered police officer or his or her dependent has not completed a baccalaureate degree program within five (5) years of initial admission to a public institution of higher education.

(B) The covered police officer or his or her dependent may appeal any termination to the board of trustees of the public institution of higher education in which he or she is enrolled in instances of:

(i) Severe personal illness;

(ii) Medical disability; or

(iii) Activation for full-time military service."

The Amendment was read _____
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