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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 68

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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**For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL  
10 SERVICES, OPERATING EXPENSES AND GRANTS FOR THE  
11 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE BIENNIAL  
12 PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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**Subtitle**

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER  
17 EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE  
18 2003-2005 BIENNIUM.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
25 established for the Department of Higher Education - General Operations for  
26 the 2003-2005 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees  
27 whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform  
28 Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or  
29 its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any  
30 position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in  
31 dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification  
32 and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are  
33 hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and  
34 Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.  
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36 Maximum Annual



				Maximum	Salary Rate	
	Item	Class		No. of	Fiscal Years	
	No.	Code	Title	Employees	2003-2004	2004-2005
4	(1)	9960	HIGHER ED DIRECTOR	1	\$123,106	\$125,679
5	(2)	7243	HIGHER EDUCATION DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	\$114,051	\$116,498
6	(3)	9773	HIGHER ED SENIOR ASSOC DIR	1	\$104,472	\$106,784
7	(4)	9922	DHE ASSOC DIR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS	1	\$90,393	\$92,509
8	(5)	9774	HIGHER ED ASSOC DIR FOR FISCAL AFF	1	\$90,393	\$92,509
9	(6)	9978	ASST DIR FOR PLNG & ACCOUNTABILITY	1	\$76,966	\$78,828
10	(7)	9090	HE ASST DIR OF INFO SERVICES	1	\$76,966	\$78,828
11	(8)	9983	HIGHER ED COORDINATOR OF Y.O.U. PGM	1	\$69,113	\$70,826
12	(9)	9966	HIGHER ED STUDENT FIN AID MANAGER	1	\$69,113	\$70,826
13	(10)	9965	HIGHER ED COORD OF ACADEMIC PROGRAM	1	\$69,113	\$70,826
14	(11)	9623	H E COORD OF INSTITUTIONAL FINANCE	1	\$69,113	\$70,826
15	(12)	9242	HE COORD OF FINANCIAL AID	1	\$69,113	\$70,826
16	(13)	9093	HE COORD 2-YR INST FINANCE	1	\$69,113	\$70,826
17	(14)	9092	HE COORD OF GENERAL ADMIN	1	\$69,113	\$70,826
18	(15)	9059	HIGHER ED COORD OF HEALTH EDUCATION	1	\$69,113	\$70,826
19	(16)	9022	HE COORD ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION	1	\$69,113	\$70,826
20	(17)	7091	DHE COORD OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS	1	\$69,113	\$70,826
21	(18)	9716	HE COORDINATOR OF COMMUNICATIONS	1	\$68,634	\$70,339
22	(19)	A252	DHE FINANCIAL MANAGER	2	GRADE 24	
23	(20)	D064	SR SYSTEMS PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE 24	
24	(21)	A032	AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE 22	
25	(22)	R088	HIGHER ED FINANCIAL OFFICER	1	GRADE 22	
26	(23)	R096	HIGHER ED ASST COORD STUD FIN AID	3	GRADE 22	
27	(24)	D036	SR PROGRAMMER/ANALYST	1	GRADE 21	
28	(25)	R240	DHE DATA COLLECTION ANALYST	1	GRADE 20	
29	(26)	R264	MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST I	2	GRADE 18	
30	(27)	K011	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE 15	
31	(28)	R444	BUSINESS CONTROLLER I	1	GRADE 15	
32	(29)	K153	SECRETARY II	<u>4</u>	GRADE 13	
33			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	36		

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35 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized,  
 36 for the Department of Higher Education - General Operations for the 2003-2005

1 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees,  
 2 to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such  
 3 purposes: seven (7) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates  
 4 of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and  
 5 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate  
 6 classification.

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 8 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 9 appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the  
 10 Department of Higher Education Fund Account, for personal services, operating  
 11 expenses and grants of the Department of Higher Education for the biennial  
 12 period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

14 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
15 NO.	2003-2004	2004-2005
16 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 1,764,660	\$ 1,764,660
17 (02) EXTRA HELP	10,000	10,000
18 (03) PERSONAL SERV MATCH	407,915	407,915
19 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
20 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	327,378	327,378
21 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	40,000	40,000
22 (C) PROF. FEES	0	0
23 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
24 (E) DATA PROC.	0	0
25 (05) YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED		
26 GRANTS/AIDS	<u>85,000</u>	<u>85,000</u>
27 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 2,634,953</u>	<u>\$ 2,634,953</u>

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 29 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS AND VARIOUS  
 30 SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher  
 31 Education, to be payable from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for  
 32 providing student assistance grants and various scholarships as provided by  
 33 law by the Department of Higher Education for the biennial period ending June  
 34 30, 2005, the following:

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 36 ITEM FISCAL YEARS

NO.		2003-2004	2004-2005
(01)	DEPENDENTS OF POWS, MIAS, KIAS-TUITION		
	WAIVER SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
(02)	TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR GRANTS	179,544	179,544
(03)	EMERGENCY SECONDARY EDUCATION LOANS	81,717	81,717
(04)	AR GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS	4,877,508	4,877,508
(05)	JR/SR MINORITY TEACHER SCHOLARS	500,000	500,000
(06)	AR GEOGRAPHICAL CRITICAL NEEDS		
	MINORITY TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS	200,000	200,000
(07)	SECOND EFFORT SCHOLARSHIPS	20,000	20,000
(08)	SREB MINORITY DOCTORAL SCHOLARS	200,000	200,000
(09)	STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS	3,210,345	3,210,345
(10)	AR ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS	30,740,841	30,740,841
(11)	MINORITY MASTERS FELLOWS	80,000	80,000
(12)	DEPENDENTS OF LAW ENF. OFFICERS, ETC.		
	SCHOLARSHIPS	100,000	100,000
(13)	FACULTY/ADMINISTRATOR DEVELOPMENT		
	FELLOWS MATCHING	30,000	30,000
(14)	TUITION ADJUSTMENT	350,000	350,000
(15)	NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE PROG	500,000	500,000
(16)	NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 41,584,955</u>	<u>\$ 41,584,955</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATE SCHOLARSHIP - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants-in-aid of the Department of Higher Education - State Scholarship - Federal Program for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS		
NO.	2003-2004	2004-2005	
(01)	GRANTS/AID-STATE SCHOLARSHIPS-FEDERAL	\$ <u>160,866</u>	\$ <u>160,866</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 160,866</u>	<u>\$ 160,866</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the

1 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 2 operating expenses and grants and aids of the Department of Higher Education  
 3 - Dwight D. Eisenhower Program for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005,  
 4 the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS		
	7 NO.	2003-2004	2004-2005
8 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION			
9 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$	24,761	\$ 24,761
10 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL		5,000	5,000
11 (C) PROF. FEES		2,500	2,500
12 (D) CAP. OUTLAY		0	0
13 (E) DATA PROC.		0	0
14 (02) DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER GRANTS/AIDS		<u>639,182</u>	<u>639,182</u>
15 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$	<u>671,443</u>	\$ <u>671,443</u>

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17 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - TECHNICAL EDUCATION - FEDERAL PROGRAMS. There  
 18 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable  
 19 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
 20 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of  
 21 Higher Education - Technical Education - Federal Programs for the biennial  
 22 period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

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24 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS		
	25 NO.	2003-2004	2004-2005
26 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$	69,253	\$ 71,123
27 (02) PERSONAL SERV MATCH		15,625	15,956
28 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION			
29 (A) OPER. EXPENSE		4,000	4,000
30 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL		9,000	9,000
31 (C) PROF. FEES		11,717	11,717
32 (D) CAP. OUTLAY		0	0
33 (E) DATA PROC.		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
34 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$	<u>109,595</u>	\$ <u>111,796</u>

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36 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - TEACHER QUALITY ENHANCEMENT - FEDERAL. There is

1 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable  
 2 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
 3 State, for personal services, operating expenses and grants-in-aid of the  
 4 Department of Higher Education - Teacher Quality Enhancement - Federal  
 5 Program for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2003-2004	2004-2005
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 24,211	\$ 24,865
(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCH	7,648	7,764
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	31,111	31,111
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	12,000	12,000
(C) PROF. FEES	45,000	45,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
(04) TEACHER QUALITY ENHANCEMENT GRANTS/AIDS	<u>936,432</u>	<u>936,432</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,056,402</u>	<u>\$ 1,057,172</u>

21 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY. There is hereby  
 22 appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the  
 23 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 24 operating expenses and grants-in-aid of the Department of Higher Education -  
 25 Improving Teacher Quality Program for the biennial period ending June 30,  
 26 2005, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2003-2004	2004-2005
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 12,856	\$ 12,856
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000	5,000
(C) PROF. FEES	3,000	3,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
(02) IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY GRANTS/AIDS	<u>417,402</u>	<u>417,402</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$ 438,258 \$ 438,258

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3 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - HIGHER EDUCATION BUILDING MAINTENANCE. There  
 4 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable  
 5 from the Higher Education Building Maintenance Fund, for maintenance of  
 6 various buildings at the Institutions Of Higher Education by the Department  
 7 of Higher Education for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the sum of  
 8 .....\$4,000,000.

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10 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby  
 11 appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the  
 12 Higher Education Research Development Fund, for providing Arkansas Research  
 13 Development Program Grants to Institutions of Higher Education by the  
 14 Department of Higher Education for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005,  
 15 the sum of.....\$10,000,000.

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17 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
 18 Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in  
 19 the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,  
 20 for operating expenses of the Department of Higher Education for the biennial  
 21 period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

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23 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
24 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
25 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
26 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 4,380	\$ 4,380
27 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	0
28 (C) PROF. FEES	0	0
29 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
30 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
31 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 4,380</u>	<u>\$ 4,380</u>

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33 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS. There is hereby  
 34 appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the  
 35 Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for payments of the contracts with  
 36 participating out-of-state institutions of higher learning in the fields of

dentistry, optometry, osteopathy, veterinary medicine, chiropractic and podiatry for the education of Arkansas citizens by the Department of Higher Education for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2003-2004	2004-2005
(01) DENTAL AID	\$ 1,092,155	\$ 1,092,155
(02) VETERINARY AID	547,075	547,075
(03) CHIROPRACTIC AID	211,855	211,855
(04) OPTOMETRY AID	244,113	244,113
(05) OSTEOPATHY AID	95,949	95,949
(06) PODIATRY AID	<u>55,853</u>	<u>55,853</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 2,247,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,247,000</u>

SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION. Upon certification by the Director of the Department of Higher Education that transfers are needed to make maximum utilization of funds and appropriations provided for financial aid programs, and with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and a review by the Arkansas Legislative Council, funds and appropriations may be transferred between financial aid programs, except that funds and appropriations may not be transferred for such purposes from either the Governor's Scholars Program or the Academic Challenge Scholarships Program in excess of \$1,000,000 in the aggregate in either fiscal year. Any transfer restrictions contained in appropriation acts for the Department of Higher Education relating to appropriation transfers from Governor's Scholars Program and Academic Challenge Scholarships shall not be applicable to transfers between Governor's Scholars and Academic Challenge Scholarship appropriations.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~ July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. LOANS. In order to provide timely payments under financial aid appropriations made in this Act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State is authorized to provide



1 loans from the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund to make available all funds  
 2 attributable to the financial aid programs under the then current official  
 3 revenue estimates. In the event of an unanticipated state revenue shortfall,  
 4 any such loans remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall be repaid from  
 5 revenues distributed in the first two months of the next fiscal year. Funds  
 6 for appropriations made in this Act for purposes other than financial aid  
 7 shall not be affected by the application of this provision.

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
 9 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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 11 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. WORK  
 13 FORCE 2000 DEVELOPMENT FUND PROCEDURES. After the amounts to be made  
 14 available to the various technical colleges have been determined as set out  
 15 in Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2), such documents as may be necessary shall be  
 16 processed so that funds may be transferred from the Work Force 2000  
 17 Development Fund to the State Treasury fund or fund account from which the  
 18 technical college draws its general revenue support. Such funds as may be  
 19 transferred shall not exceed ~~74.45%~~ 77.19% of the total funds available from  
 20 the Work Force 2000 Development Fund during each fiscal year of the biennial  
 21 period ending ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

22 In the event that a technical institute or comprehensive lifelong learning  
 23 center which receives support from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund as  
 24 determined by law transfers or merges into the Arkansas Technical College and  
 25 Community College System for which Work Force 2000 Development Fund monies  
 26 are determined by law, then the actual amount of support from the Work Force  
 27 2000 Development Fund in the preceding fiscal year for such educational  
 28 institution shall be made available irrespective of any other provision of  
 29 law which sets out maximum levels of support from such fund.

30 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
 31 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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 33 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. BUILDING  
 35 MAINTENANCE FUND. After the sum of \$13,200,000 has been deposited into the  
 36 Higher Education Building Maintenance Fund, the next \$10,000,000 or so much

1 as is collected, is to be transferred to the Research Development Fund there  
2 to be used as provided by law.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
4 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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6 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REFUND TO  
8 EXPENDITURES. Proceeds derived from the repayment of loans as authorized in  
9 Items (03), (05), ~~(06)~~ and (11) of Section ~~5~~ 4 of this Act for the Emergency  
10 Secondary Education Loans, the JR/SR Minority Teacher Scholars, ~~the~~  
11 ~~Freshman/Sophomore Minority Grants~~, and the Minority Masters Fellows shall be  
12 deposited into the State Treasury as "Refunds to Expenditures."

13 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
14 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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16 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY  
18 FORWARD. The balance of the funds and appropriations as provided in Section  
19 ~~5~~ 4 of this Act for the Governor's Scholars Program and the Academic  
20 Challenge Scholarships Program which remain on ~~June 30, 2002~~ June 30, 2004,  
21 shall be carried forward and made available for the same purpose for the  
22 fiscal year ending ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

23 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
24 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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26 SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code § 29-20-129 is repealed.

27 ~~29-20-129. National Guard Tuition Assistance Program.~~

28 ~~SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. In addition to~~  
29 ~~any other provisions of law, any student who receives assistance from the~~  
30 ~~appropriation made for the "National Guard Tuition Assistance Program" in~~  
31 ~~this Act shall repay any loans and/or assistance if the student does not~~  
32 ~~receive an Honorable Discharge.~~

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34 SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.  
35 In addition to any other provisions of law, any student who receives  
36 assistance from the appropriation made for the "National Guard Tuition

1 Assistance Program" in this Act shall repay any loans and/or assistance if  
2 the student ~~does not receive an~~ receives a discharge that is a less than  
3 Honorable Discharge.  
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5 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
7 GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM. Should the funding of Governor's Scholars  
8 Program exceed the funding level of the previous fiscal year and the number  
9 of scholarships awarded increases to 200 or more, the Department of Higher  
10 Education shall make every effort to assure a geographic distribution of the  
11 awards without compromising the academic criteria established for such  
12 awards.

13 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
14 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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16 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COLLEGE  
18 SAVINGS BONDS. The Department of Higher Education shall adopt rules and  
19 regulations for the allocation of the funds reappropriated for the  
20 development of projects at State Institutions of Higher Education and the  
21 payment of project costs and expenses of the issuance of the bonds of the  
22 Arkansas College Savings General Obligation Bonds Program to ensure that  
23 funds are allocated and expended in a manner consistent with the provisions  
24 of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to the Arkansas College Savings  
25 General Obligation Bond Program (Program). The funds reappropriated for the  
26 development of projects at State Institutions of Higher Education and the  
27 payment of project costs and expenses of the issuance of the bonds of the  
28 Arkansas College Savings General Obligation Bonds Program shall be allocated  
29 and expended pursuant to the provisions of Arkansas Code 6-62-701 et. seq.  
30 and other laws of this State. The expenditure and allocation of funds shall  
31 be exempt from any other provisions of state law which conflicts with any  
32 provision of the rules and regulations which rules and regulations are  
33 required to ensure the compliance of the Program with the applicable  
34 provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
36 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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2 SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COLLEGE  
4 SAVINGS BONDS LIMITATIONS. The total principal amount of bonds to be issued  
5 during any fiscal biennium shall not exceed three-hundred million dollars  
6 (\$300,000,000), nor shall the principal amount of bonds outstanding at any  
7 time have debt service requirements in excess of twenty-four million dollars  
8 (\$24,000,000) in any one fiscal year from all sources.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
10 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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12 SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
14 OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS - HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS.  
15 Upon certification to and with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
16 the State, surplus funds and appropriations may be transferred between the  
17 appropriations provided for "Health Education Grants" by this Act by the  
18 ~~Eighty-Third~~ Eighty-Fourth General Assembly for Dental Aid, Optometry Aid,  
19 Veterinary Aid, Podiatry Aid, Chiropractic Aid and Osteopathic Aid.

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
21 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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23 SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY  
25 FORWARD - HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS. The balance of the funds and  
26 appropriations as provided for "Health Education Grants" in this Act which  
27 remain on ~~June 30, 2002~~ June 30, 2004, shall be carried forward and made  
28 available for the same purposes for the fiscal year ending ~~June 30, 2003~~ June  
29 30, 2005.

30 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
31 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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33 SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REPORTING  
35 REQUIREMENTS - HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS. The Arkansas Department of Higher  
36 Education shall annually compile information, as described herein, on

1 students who receive financial aid through the appropriations for health  
2 education grants provided for in this Act. Such information shall include  
3 the number of students receiving financial aid under each line item of the  
4 appropriation made for "Health Education Grants" in this Act, the name of  
5 each out-of-state school which each student is attending or has attended,  
6 and, if available, the location and occupation of each student who has  
7 completed the course of study for a period of three years following  
8 completion.

9 Such information shall be compiled into a report and presented in  
10 conjunction with the biennial appropriation budget request for the  
11 appropriation provided herein, to the Arkansas Legislative Council.

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
13 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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15 SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. HEALTH  
17 EDUCATION GRANTS - PRIORITIES. The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating  
18 Board, after consulting with the recognized associations of each of the  
19 applicable medical professions and other interested persons, shall determine  
20 the priorities for the applicable programs enumerated in the appropriation  
21 made for "Health Education Grants" in this Act. The Arkansas Department of  
22 Higher Education, if necessary, shall re-adjust the number of ~~freshman~~  
23 positions for entering students to be funded for each applicable program  
24 based upon the priorities determined by the board.

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
26 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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28 SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. HEALTH  
30 EDUCATION GRANTS - STUDY. The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
31 shall conduct a study during the ~~2001-2003~~ 2003-2005 biennium as to the  
32 future need for health care providers in dentistry, veterinary medicine,  
33 chiropractic, optometry, osteopathy and podiatry in Arkansas and shall report  
34 its findings to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee on or  
35 before October 1, ~~2002~~ 2004.

36 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~

1 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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3 SECTION 30. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FINANCIAL  
5 AID PROGRAMS REPORTING. The Arkansas Department of Higher Education shall  
6 report by May 30 to the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education the  
7 budgeted allocation for each financial aid program funded through the Higher  
8 Education Grants Fund Account for the upcoming fiscal year and projections  
9 for the following year.

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11 SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
13 AUDIT/REVIEW OF STATE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS. Any post-secondary institution that  
14 receives state scholarship funds administered by the Arkansas Department of  
15 Higher Education shall be subject to audit/review of such funds by the  
16 Division of Legislative Audit, upon approval of the Legislative Joint Audit  
17 Committee.

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19 SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. AUDIT  
21 DATA. All post-secondary institutions shall provide to the Arkansas  
22 Department of Higher Education a copy of the Integrated Post-Secondary  
23 Education Data System (IPEDS) which shall be subject to audit by the Arkansas  
24 Department of Higher Education ~~fiscal personnel~~.

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26 SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
28 APPROPRIATION TRANSFER PROCEDURES - AR GEOGRAPHICAL CRITICAL NEEDS MINORITY  
29 TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. The Director of the Arkansas Department of  
30 Higher Education shall determine the amount available, up to \$200,000 per  
31 fiscal year, to fund the Arkansas Geographical Critical Needs Minority  
32 Teacher Scholarships and shall certify to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
33 State and the State Treasurer such amount as is required to be transferred  
34 from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account. Upon receiving such  
35 certification, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the State Treasurer  
36 shall cause to be transferred the necessary funds and appropriation to the

1 fund account of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff for implementation  
2 of this program. The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff may use up to  
3 twenty percent (20%) of the funds and appropriation for administration of the  
4 program.

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6 SECTION 34. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized  
7 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds  
8 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the  
9 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and  
10 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
11 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
12 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
13 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
14 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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16 SECTION 35. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
17 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
18 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
19 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
20 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
21 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
22 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
23 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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25 SECTION 36. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
26 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
27 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
28 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of  
29 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
30 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
31 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the  
32 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
33 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
34 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
35 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003.

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