

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1031

5 By: Representatives Gaskill, Patterson, Reynolds, Hoyt, J. Roebuck
6 By: Senator R. Thompson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO PROVIDE REDUCED COLLEGE TUITION TO
11 STATE POLICE OFFICERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO PROVIDE REDUCED COLLEGE
16 TUITION TO STATE POLICE OFFICERS AND
17 THEIR DEPENDENTS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, Subchapter 2 is amended*
23 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

24 6-60-213. Reduced tuition for certain police officers.

25 (a) As used in this section:

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

27 (i) Any employee of the Department of Arkansas State
28 Police who:

29 (a) Holds the rank of state trooper or a
30 higher rank; and

31 (b) Has been an employee of the
32 department for ten (10) or more years;

33 (ii) Any highway police officer who has been an
34 employee of the Arkansas Highway Police Division of the Arkansas State
35 Highway and Transportation Department for ten (10) or more years;

36 (iii) Any officer of the State Capitol Police who



1 has been an employee of the State Capitol Police for ten (10) or more years;
2 or

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

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

6 (i) A civilian employee; or

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

9 (2) "Dependent" means:

10 (A) Any natural child, stepchild, or adopted child of a
11 covered police officer; and

12 (B) Any individual of whom a covered police officer is the
13 legal guardian;

14 (3) "Public institution of higher education" means a public
15 university, college, technical college, or community college; and

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

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

21 (b)(1) Any covered police officer or his or her dependent who is
22 enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment in a public institution of
23 higher education in Arkansas may have tuition reduced at a rate equal to the
24 reduced rate of tuition provided to employees of that public institution of
25 higher education if his or her employer elects to offer reduced tuition.

26 (2) An employer of a covered police officer may elect to offer
27 reduced tuition based on the amount of funds available.

28 (3) If the employer of the covered police officer elects to
29 offer reduced tuition, the employer shall pay to the public institution of
30 higher education the difference between the regular tuition rate and the
31 reduced rate of tuition provided to employees of the public institution of
32 higher education.

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

36 (d) The employer of a covered police officer electing to offer reduced

1 tuition for covered police officers shall develop criteria regarding the
2 awarding of reduced tuition, including without limitation:

3 (1) Academic requirements to continue receiving reduced tuition;

4 (2) The length of time reduced tuition may be offered;

5 (3) Procedures to be followed in the event the covered police
6 officer or his or her dependent experiences a severe personal illness, a
7 medical disability, or activation for full-time military service; and

8 (4) Appeal procedures that a covered police officer may follow
9 if his or her reduced tuition is discontinued by the employer.

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11 /s/ Gaskill, et al
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