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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1833

4
5 By: Representative M. Shepherd
6 By: Senators B. Davis, J. Boyd

For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION;
10 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ADMISSIONS AT THE
11 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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16 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
17 ADMISSIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
18 COLLEGE OF MEDICINE.

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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 § 6-64-406(b), concerning the allocation of
23 enrollment positions at the University of Arkansas College of Medicine for
24 the freshman medical class among congressional districts, is amended to read
25 as follows:

26 (b)(1)(A) The board shall allocate ~~the first seventy percent (70%) of~~
27 ~~the first one hundred fifty (150) enrollment positions for the freshman~~
28 ~~medical class among Arkansas congressional districts, using the population of~~
29 ~~each congressional district as determined by the last federal decennial~~
30 ~~census to determine that district's proportion of the freshman positions so~~
31 ~~allocated and shall assign those apportioned enrollment positions for each~~
32 ~~district to those applicants who are legal residents in that particular~~
33 ~~congressional district twenty-five (25) positions to each congressional~~
34 district.

35 (B) ~~The board shall give additional consideration to rural~~
36 ~~applicants from medically underserved areas in an effort to address health~~



~~disparities~~ If twenty-five (25) applicants from a congressional district do not meet published admissions standards and do not accept an offer of acceptance, the remaining positions for that congressional district first shall be filled by qualified applicants who are Arkansas residents and then by applicants that are most likely to complete the program and reside in Arkansas.

(2)(A) ~~The next fifteen percent (15%) of the first one hundred fifty (150) freshman enrollment positions shall be allocated to the state at large and assigned to applicants who are legal residents of any place within Arkansas~~ An additional twenty-five (25) positions shall be allocated to applicants who are Arkansas residents.

(B) ~~However, in allocating the fifteen percent (15%) to the state at large, the board may allocate not to exceed one-third (1/3) of the fifteen percent (15%) of the first one hundred fifty (150) freshman enrollment positions to applicants who do not actually reside in the state but who were born and reared and attended public schools in Arkansas and who in addition thereto shall meet two (2) or more of the following criteria:~~

~~(i) Applicant is a registered voter in Arkansas;~~

~~(ii) Applicant holds a current valid Arkansas driver's license;~~

~~(iii) Applicant or parents of applicant are Arkansas taxpayers;~~

~~(iv) Parent of applicant resides in or is employed in Arkansas; and~~

~~(v) Applicant meets other related criteria as may be prescribed by the board~~ If twenty-five (25) applicants who are Arkansas residents do not meet published admissions standards and do not accept an offer of acceptance, then the remaining positions first shall be filled by qualified applicants who have ties to Arkansas and then by applicants who are most likely to complete the program and reside in Arkansas.

(3) ~~The remaining fifteen percent (15%) of the first one hundred fifty (150) freshman enrollment positions may be assigned either to legal residents or to nonresidents, however, any qualified legal resident shall have a preference in securing an assignment to a position when compared to a nonresident, and the total number of nonresidents assigned positions shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the first one hundred fifty (150)~~

1 ~~freshman enrollment positions assigned for any school year~~ Positions in
2 excess of the positions provided under subdivisions (b)(1) and (2) of this
3 section may be filled by applicants at large.

4 ~~(4) The board may provide for an alteration in the percentages~~
5 ~~set forth in this subsection only if the adherence to these percentages would~~
6 ~~endanger the accredited rating of the University of Arkansas College of~~
7 ~~Medicine as determined by the standards of the Association of American~~
8 ~~Medical Colleges.~~

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