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1 State of Arkansas
2 General Assembly
3 Girls State, 2014

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1001

4
5 By: Representative M. Heft; Committee on Education

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
9 SCHOLARSHIPS AT PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES; AND
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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13 THE SCHOLARSHIP FAIR CHANCE ACT.

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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ARKANSAS GIRLS' STATE:

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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 82, Subchapter 1, is amended
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 6-82-108. Scholarship requirements.

22 (a) The cost of attendance at public universities in this state
23 increases yearly, thereby impacting the need for student scholarships.

24 (b) Public universities place emphasis on standardized test scores in
25 the awarding of scholarships.

26 (c) Many students have high grade point averages and are involved in
27 community and school activities but score poorly on standardized tests.

28 (d) The purpose of this act is to decrease the emphasis on
29 standardized test scores in the determination of scholarship recipients.

30 (e) Public universities in this state shall base scholarship award
31 requirements on the following percentages:

32 (1) Forty percent (40%) on standardized test scores;

33 (2) Thirty percent (30%) on grade point average;

34 (3) Fifteen percent (15%) on community service; and

35 (4) Fifteen percent (15%) on extracurricular activities.
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HOUSE BILL 1002

4
5 By: Representative E. Campbell; Committee on Public Transportation, Economic Affairs, and Natural
6 Resources

For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO TEACH
10 DRIVER EDUCATION AND TRAINING COURSES TO
11 STUDENTS IN NINTH THROUGH TWELFTH GRADES;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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15 TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO TEACH DRIVER
16 EDUCATION AND TRAINING COURSES TO
17 STUDENTS IN NINTH THROUGH TWELFTH GRADES.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ARKANSAS GIRLS' STATE:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 5, is amended
24 to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 6-16-509. Driver education and training – Generally.

26 (a) The Department of Education, in consultation with the Arkansas
27 State Highway and Transportation Department, shall:

28 (1) Develop a comprehensive set of criteria for establishing a
29 driving education and training course;

30 (2) Develop a grant program under which public school districts
31 may apply for grants to design and implement local driving education and
32 training course;

33 (3) Inform all public schools in Arkansas of the availability of
34 funds for a local driving education and training course; and

35 (4) Develop a plan for monitoring and auditing local driving
36 education and training courses.

1 (b) Each public school district may design a driving education and
2 training course appropriate to that school district, but each driving
3 education and training course shall:

4 (1) Include the study of general driving laws; and

5 (2) Conform to the criteria established in subdivision (a)(1) of
6 this section and § 6-16-510.

7 (c) The driving education and training course shall be taught to
8 students in ninth through twelfth grades.

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10 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 5, is amended
11 to add an additional section to read as follows:

12 6-16-510. Driving education and training course standards.

13 (a) The Department of Education shall adopt driving education and
14 training course standards as part of the public school curriculum.

15 (b) The Department of Education shall work with public schools to
16 establish an educational program to inform, train, and educate students
17 concerning the importance of safe driving and applicable laws.

18 (c) Curricula shall be designed according to objectives established by
19 the Department of Education.

20 (d) The Department of Education shall enlist the voluntary assistance
21 of appropriate professionals, organizations, and departments as necessary to
22 achieve the purposes of this section.

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HOUSE BILL 1003

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5 By: Representatives K. Fleming; G. Mell; A. Kiernan; N. DeSoto; K. Lott; S. Creighton;
6 M. Dominguez; C. Clem.

For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE DRUG TESTING FOR
9 APPLICANTS AND RECIPIENTS OF ARKANSAS
10 WELFARE PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO REQUIRE DRUG TESTING FOR RECIPIENTS
15 AND APPLICANTS OF WELFARE PROGRAMS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ARKANSAS GIRLS' STATE:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 76, Subchapter 1, is
22 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 20-76-114. Drug testing requirement for welfare programs.

24 (a) As used in this section, "welfare program" means a program
25 providing public assistance including without limitation:

26 (1) The Unemployment Insurance program;

27 (2) The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program;

28 (3) The Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, formerly
29 known as the Food Stamps Program; and

30 (4) The Arkansas Medicaid program.

31 (b)(1) An individual who applies for a welfare program shall submit to
32 an initial test for the use of illegal drugs.

33 (2) An individual who is a recipient of a welfare program shall
34 submit to a random test for the use of illegal drugs.

35 (c) The cost of drug testing shall be equally divided between the state
36 agency offering the welfare program and the applicant or recipient.

1 (d)(1) An individual who tests positive for illegal drugs as a result
2 of a drug test required under this section shall:

3 (1) Have welfare benefits reduced by fifty percent (50%) on the
4 first incident of a positive result;

5 (2) Be suspended from the welfare program for six (6) months on
6 the second incident of a positive result; and

7 (3) Is not eligible for the welfare program for the following
8 five (5) years on the third incident of a positive result.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1004

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5 By: Representative S. Webers; House Committee on Revenue and Taxation

For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 AN ACT TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX ON
9 PREPARED FOOD TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR
10 PUBLIC SCHOOL CAFETERIAS; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.

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14 TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX ON
15 PREPARED FOOD TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR
16 PUBLIC SCHOOL CAFETERIAS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ARKANSAS GIRLS' STATE:

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 52, Subchapter 3, is
23 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 26-52-323. Additional tax on prepared food.

25 (a) As used in this section, "prepared food" means:

26 (1) Food sold in a heated state or heated by the seller;

27 (2) Two (2) or more food ingredients mixed or combined by the
28 seller for sale as a single item; and

29 (3)(A) Food sold with an eating utensil provided by the seller,
30 including a plate, knife, fork, spoon, glass, cup, napkin, or straw.

31 (B) As used in subdivision (a)(3)(A) of this section,
32 "plate" does not include a container or packaging used to transport the food.

33 (b) In addition to the taxes levied upon the gross proceeds or gross
34 receipts derived from all sales of tangible personal property and services
35 under the Arkansas Gross Receipts Act of 1941, § 26-52-101 et seq., there is
36 levied a tax of one percent (1%) on the portion of the gross receipts or

1 gross proceeds received by restaurants, cafes, cafeterias, delicatessens,
2 drive-in restaurants, carry-out restaurants, concession stands, convenience
3 stores, or grocery store-restaurants from the sale of prepared food and
4 beverages for on-premises or off-premises consumption.

5 (c) The additional tax levied under this section shall be collected,
6 reported, and paid in the same manner and at the same time as is prescribed
7 by law for the collection, reporting, and payment of other taxes under this
8 chapter.

9 (d) All taxes, interest, penalties, and costs received by the Director
10 of the Department of Finance and Administration under this section shall be
11 special revenues and shall be deposited into the Public School Cafeteria Fund
12 to be used solely to provide additional funding to each public school
13 cafeteria in the state based on the number of enrolled students at the public
14 school.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1005

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5 By: Representatives Kelcee Gregory; E. Gorman

For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 AN ACT TO CREATE AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION
9 FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF ARKANSAS-BASED
10 BUSINESSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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13 TO CREATE AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR
14 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF ARKANSAS-BASED
15 BUSINESSES.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ARKANSAS GIRLS' STATE:

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 51, Subchapter 4, is
22 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 26-51-459. Deduction - Full-time employees.

24 (a) As used in this section, "full-time employee" means an employee
25 who works at least thirty (30) hours per week.

26 (b) In computing net income for purposes of the Income Tax Act of
27 1929, § 26-51-101 et seq., an Arkansas-based business is allowed a deduction
28 in addition to all other deductions allowed by law of five hundred dollars
29 (\$500) for each full-time employee of the business.

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HOUSE BILL 1006

4
5 By: Representative H. Moody; House Committee on Public Transportation, Economic Affairs, and
6 Natural Resources

For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT REGARDING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS
10 PERMITTED TO TRAVEL IN A VEHICLE DRIVEN
11 BY A NEWLY LICENSED DRIVER; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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15 REGARDING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS PERMITTED
16 TO TRAVEL IN A VEHICLE DRIVEN BY A NEWLY
17 LICENSED DRIVER.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ARKANSAS GIRLS' STATE:

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 16, Subchapter 8, is
24 amended to add a new section to read as follows:

25 27-16-815. Unrelated passenger in a motor vehicle - Time period.

26 (a) A person who has newly obtained his or her driver's license may
27 operate a motor vehicle containing more than one (1) passenger who is
28 unrelated to him or her after he or she has possessed his or her driver's
29 license for a period of at least six (6) months.

30 (b) A person who violates this section is upon conviction guilty of a
31 violation.

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HOUSE BILL 1007

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5 By: Representative C. Latham; House State, Local, and National Affairs Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 AN ACT TO RAISE THE MINIMUM AGE REQUIRED
9 TO SERVE ON A JURY; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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13 TO RAISE THE MINIMUM AGE REQUIRED TO
14 SERVE ON A JURY.

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ARKANSAS GIRLS' STATE:

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20 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

21 (a) It is the finding of the General Assembly that experienced juries
22 are important to ensure that every trial is impartial.

23 (b) The General Assembly further finds that it is of an utmost
24 importance that every trial is conducted with the highest respect. Raising
25 the minimum age required of a person to serve on a jury will ensure that this
26 important condition is recognized.

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28 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-31-102(a)(7), concerning the
29 disqualification of a person to serve on a jury, is amended to read as
30 follows:

31 (7) Persons who are less than ~~eighteen (18)~~ twenty-eight (28)
32 years of age at the time they are required to appear.

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HOUSE BILL **1008**

4
5 By: Representative H. Dilday; Committee on Education
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
9 TO COUNT TOWARD CREDITS FOR GRADUATION;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 THE TIME DEDICATED IS TIME CREDITED ACT.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ARKANSAS GIRLS' STATE:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 1, is amended
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 6-15-103. Graduation credits.

22 (a) School-sponsored extracurricular activities that occur during the
23 regular school day count toward the credits required for graduation.

24 (b) A sport activity is considered an athletic credit.

25 (c) An art activity is considered a fine art credit.

26 (d) EAST Lab or related activity is considered a technology credit.

27 (e) The credits awarded under this section do not affect grade point
28 average.

29 (f) The Arkansas Department of Education shall promulgate rules for
30 the implementation of this program.
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HOUSE BILL 1009

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5 By: Committee on State, Local, and National Governmental Affairs

For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 AN ACT TO INCREASE SECURITY IN VOTING;
9 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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12 TO INCREASE SECURITY IN VOTING.

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ARKANSAS GIRLS' STATE:

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18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 7, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended
19 to add an additional section to read as follows:

20 7-1-114. Vote security.

21 (a) The General Assembly of Girls' State finds that it is important to
22 ensure that people elected to statewide office are elected by United States
23 citizens.

24 (b) Proof of United States citizenship shall be presented when
25 registering to vote in one (1) of the following forms:

26 (1) Birth certificate;

27 (2) United States passport; or

28 (3) Certificate of naturalization.

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HOUSE BILL 1010

5 By: Representatives D. Gulker; H. McGee; A. McRaven; C. Klucher; A. Maynard; D. Lal

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE EQUAL PAY OF STATE
9 EMPLOYEES ACT; TO ENCOURAGE PAY EQUITY
10 AMONG STATE EMPLOYEES; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

15 TO CREATE THE EQUAL PAY OF STATE
16 EMPLOYEES ACT AND TO ENCOURAGE PAY EQUITY
17 AMONG STATE EMPLOYEES

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ARKANSAS GIRLS' STATE:

22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 21, Chapter 5, Subchapter 1, is amended
23 to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

24 Subchapter 13 - Equal Pay of State Employees Act

25 21-5-1301. Title.

26 This subchapter may be referred to and cited as the "Equal Pay of State
27 Employees Act."

29 21-5-1302. Legislative intent.

30 It is the purpose and intent of this subchapter to establish uniform
31 classifications for all state employees of state agencies and to establish a
32 uniform compensation plan to be followed by state agencies.

34 21-5-1303. Office of Personnel Management - Duties.

35 The Office of Personnel Management shall perform the following
36 administrative responsibilities with respect to the state classification and

1 compensation plan:

2 (1) Determine that each employee position at a state agency is
3 allocated to a class based on written class specifications, including without
4 limitation the duties and responsibilities assigned to the position and the
5 requirements necessary to satisfactorily perform the duties;

6 (2)(A) Verify that a state agency has established a starting
7 salary for each classified position and that the starting salary is offered
8 to an applicant seeking the classified position.

9 (B) The state agency may offer an applicant a higher
10 salary than the starting salary when the applicant has significant experience
11 and length of employment with a similar employer; and

12 (3) Establish a transparency website for each state agency that
13 identifies the state agency's employees by name, classified position, years
14 of service, and annual salary.

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16 21-5-1304. Failure to equally pay state employees.

17 (a) If the Office of Personnel Management finds that a state agency has
18 unjustly failed to pay an employee in a classified position the accurate
19 starting pay, it shall award the employee applicable back pay and interest at
20 a rate it determines is equitable.

21 (b) An award shall not be made by the Office of Personnel Management
22 until the state employer is permitted an opportunity at a public hearing to
23 present evidence that it did not violate the Equal Pay of State Employees
24 Act.

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