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A Bill

ACT 576 OF 1995
SENATE BILL 559

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARK. CODE ANN. §§ 6-53-103 AND 6-53-307
9 TO REDEFINE THE TERM _SATELLITE CAMPUS_ TO INCLUDE
10 OFF-CAMPUS FACILITIES OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT ARE
11 LOCATED WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA AND TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY
12 SUPPORT OF A SATELLITE CAMPUS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

15 "TO REDEFINE THE TERM _SATELLITE CAMPUS_
16 TO INCLUDE OFF-CAMPUS FACILITIES OF A
17 COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND TO AUTHORIZE
18 COUNTY SUPPORT OF A SATELLITE CAMPUS."

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

22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-53-103 is hereby amended to read
23 as follows:

24 "6-53-103. Definitions.

25 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

26 (1) _Branch campus of the community college_ means an institution with
27 facilities located apart from the community college campus but within the
28 community college district;

29 (2) _Capital outlay expense_ means those funds devoted to or required
30 for the acquisition and improvement of land; acquisition, construction,
31 remodeling, alteration, addition, or enlargement of buildings or other
32 structures; and the initial purchase of library holdings, furniture,
33 apparatus, and other equipment for a new or expanded facility as defined by
34 the State Board. Capital outlay expense excludes those expenses used for
35 maintenance and replacement of equipment and furniture;

36 (3) _College Panel_ or _panel_ means the panel of seven (7) members of

1 the State Board of Higher Education including the chairman of the State Board
2 of Higher Education which shall serve as the primary coordinating body for all
3 two-year institutions within the system;

4 (4) Community college means an institution of higher education
5 established or to be established under the provisions of this chapter
6 dedicated primarily to the educational needs of the service area, offering a
7 comprehensive program including, but without limitation, vocational, trade,
8 and technical specialty courses and programs, college transfer courses, and
9 courses in general adult education;

10 (5) Department means the State Department of Higher Education;

11 (6) District means the geographic area, located within one (1) or
12 more counties or cities, or any described combination thereof, or any
13 described area which may be in one (1) or more counties or parts of counties
14 but within the same service area, directly responsible for the local financial
15 support and local administration of an institution located within its service
16 area;

17 (7) Existing community college means a community college established
18 in accordance with the provisions of and presently operating in conformity
19 with Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 52 and §§ 6-61-101 - 6-61-103, 6-61-201
20 - 6-61-209, 6-61-211 - 6-61-216, 6-61-301 - 6-61-306, 6-61-401, 6-61-402,
21 6-61-501 - 6-61-524, and 6-61-601 - 6-61-612;

22 (8) Local board means the governing body of a technical college or
23 community college;

24 (9) Operating expense means those educational and general funds
25 devoted to or required for the regular or ordinary expense of the college,
26 including administrative, maintenance, and salary expenses, but excluding
27 capital outlay expenses, student activity expenses, and expense for
28 intercollegiate athletics. Operating expense includes maintenance and
29 replacement of furniture and equipment, including motor vehicles;

30 (10) Satellite campus means an institution or off-campus facilities
31 of a community college located within a service area of a technical or
32 community college but not located within a community college district;

33 (11) Service area means the geographic area assigned by the State
34 Board of Higher Education as the area to be served by the institution located
35 within its borders. Each county in the state shall be assigned to at least

1 one (1) service area;

2 (12) _State board_, _board_, or _full board_ means the State Board of
3 Higher Education comprised of the chairman, the University Panel, and the
4 College Panel;

5 (13) _System institution_ means a technical college or community
6 college;

7 (14) _Technical college_ means an institution of higher education
8 established under this chapter dedicated primarily to the educational needs of
9 the service area offering a comprehensive program including, but without
10 limitation, vocational, trade, and technical specialty courses and programs,
11 courses in general adult education, and courses comparable in content and
12 quality to freshman and sophomore courses which may carry transfer credit to a
13 four-year institution in a chosen course of study;

14 (15) _University Panel_ means the panel of seven (7) members of the
15 State Board of Higher Education including the Chairman of the State Board of
16 Higher Education which shall serve as the primary coordinating body for all
17 four-year institutions within the system."
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19 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-53-307 is hereby amended to read
20 as follows:

21 "6-53-307. County support of technical colleges.

22 (a) (1) Any county quorum court may designate all or any portion of any
23 undedicated county sales or use tax to be used for capital improvements to or
24 the maintenance and operation of any technical college or satellite campus of
25 a community college.

26 (2) When the quorum court calls an election on the issue of the
27 levy of any county sales or use tax, it may also cause to be placed on the
28 ballot the issue of dedicating all or a portion of the tax for capital
29 improvements to or the maintenance and operation of any technical college or
30 satellite campus of a community college.

31 (b) (1) In the alternative, the quorum court may refer to a vote of the
32 people at any general or special election the issue of dedicating all or a
33 portion of any undedicated county sales or use tax to any technical college or
34 satellite campus of a community college to be used for capital improvements to
35 or the maintenance and operation of the technical college or satellite campus

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