

1 **State of Arkansas**  
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4 **By: Senator Bell**

# A Bill

**ACT 603 OF 1995**  
**SENATE BILL 58**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 6-53-402 TO CHANGE THE  
9 TIME PERIOD FOR REQUIRING ACCREDITATION OF A CONVERTED  
10 TECHNICAL COLLEGE FROM SIX (6) YEARS TO *EIGHT* (8) YEARS  
11 AFTER ITS CONVERSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

### Subtitle

14 "TO INCREASE THE TIME PERIOD OF  
15 REQUIRING TECHNICAL COLLEGES TO BE  
16 ACCREDITED FROM SIX (6) YEARS TO *EIGHT*  
17 (8) YEARS AFTER THEIR CONVERSIONS."

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas code § 6-53-402 is amended to read as follows:

22 "6-53-402. Two-year branches - Conversion to technical college.

23 (a) A board of trustees of a four-year institution may, by resolution  
24 or when requested, petition the State Board of Higher Education to accept a  
25 two-year branch campus to be a technical college under the state board's  
26 jurisdiction.

27 (b) Upon approval by the State Board of Higher Education and the North  
28 Central Association, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education and  
29 assignment of a service area for the institution, the two-year branch campus  
30 shall be known as a technical college.

31 (c) All records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of  
32 appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the two-year branch campus  
33 shall be transferred to the board until a local board is appointed.

34 (d) Upon the appointment of a local board, all records, personnel,  
35 property, unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations or other funds of  
36 the technical college shall be transferred to the local board.

1 (e) The local board shall be responsible for the administration and  
2 operation of the technical college and such other state-supported institutions  
3 within the system located in the service area designated by the state board as  
4 necessary to adequately meet the two-year postsecondary educational needs of  
5 those citizens located within the service area assigned to the technical  
6 college.

7 (f) Upon the establishment of the technical college, the two-year  
8 branch of the four-year institution shall be abolished.

9 (g) Any technical college established under this section which fails to  
10 achieve higher education institutional accreditation from the North Central  
11 Association, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education within *eight (8)*  
12 years following the date of conversion, shall be abolished by the state board.  
13 All records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of appropriations,  
14 allocations, or other funds of the technical college shall be transferred to  
15 the State Department of Higher Education.

16 (h) (1) No state-supported vocational-technical institution in this  
17 state other than those provided for by this chapter shall convert to become a  
18 technical college if there is an existing community college located within the  
19 same county of the vocational-technical institution.

20 (2) The local board of any state-supported postsecondary  
21 institution and the board of a community college located within the same  
22 county, may, upon passage of a resolution by each board, and with the approval  
23 by the state board and the North Central Association, Commission on  
24 Institutions of Higher Education, merge the state-supported postsecondary  
25 institution with the community college."

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27 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-53-301(g) is hereby amended to*  
28 *read as follows:*

29 *"(g) Any technical college which fails to achieve higher education*  
30 *institutional accreditation from the North Central Association, Commission on*  
31 *Institutions of Higher Education within eight (8) years following the date of*  
32 *transfer under subsection (e) of this section, shall be abolished by the state*  
33 *board. All records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of*  
34 *appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the technical college shall be*  
35 *transferred to the State Department of Higher Education."*

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2           SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-53-403(j) is hereby amended to  
3 read as follows:

4           "(j) Any community college established under this section which fails  
5 to achieve higher education institutional accreditation from the North Central  
6 Association, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education within eight (8)  
7 years following the date of conversion, shall be abolished by the state board.  
8 All records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of appropriations,  
9 allocations, or other funds of the community college shall be transferred to  
10 the State Department of Higher Education."

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12           SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-53-404(h) is hereby amended to  
13 read as follows:

14           "(h) Any satellite campus of a community college which fails to become  
15 a branch campus of the community college or which fails to achieve higher  
16 education institutional accreditation from the North Central Association,  
17 Commission on Institutions of Higher Education within eight (8) years  
18 following the date of transfer under subsection (b) of this section, shall be  
19 abolished by the State Board. All records, personnel, property, unexpended  
20 balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the satellite  
21 campus shall be transferred to the State Department of Higher Education."

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23           SECTION 5. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-54-105 is hereby amended to read  
24 as follows:

25           "6-54-105. Accreditation - Abolishment.

26           If the technical college fails to achieve such accreditation within  
27 eight (8) years following the date of transfer under § 6-54-104(d), the  
28 technical college shall be abolished by the State Board. All records,  
29 personnel, property, unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or  
30 other funds of the technical college shall be transferred to the State  
31 Department of Higher Education."

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33           SECTION 6. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature  
34 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
35 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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SECTION 7. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 8. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

*/s/Bell*

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