

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.

1 State of Arkansas  
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3 Regular Session, 2003  
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*As Engrossed: H4/8/03*  
**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 2103

5 By: Representatives Childers, Goss  
6 By: Senator Bryles  
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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE COTTON  
11 BOLL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE MERGER WITH ARKANSAS  
12 *NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE*; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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15 **Subtitle**

16 AN ACT FOR THE *ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN*  
17 *COLLEGE* - COTTON BOLL TECHNICAL  
18 INSTITUTE MERGER *APPROPRIATION FOR THE*  
19 *2003-2005 BIENNIUM*.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - COTTON BOLL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE MERGER. There  
24 is hereby appropriated, to the *Arkansas Northeastern College*, to be payable  
25 from the *Arkansas Northeastern College* Fund, the following:

26 (A) For personal services for salary equity and other costs resulting from  
27 the merger of Cotton Boll Technical Institute with *Arkansas Northeastern*  
28 *College*, for each fiscal year of the biennial period ending June 30, 2005,  
29 the sum of .....\$300,000.  
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31 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SALARY  
33 EQUITY. In that funding for and achievement of salary equity among employees  
34 of Cotton Boll Technical Institute and *Arkansas Northeastern College* is  
35 essential for the successful merger of Cotton Boll Technical Institute into  
36 the *Arkansas Northeastern College*, salary equity in addition to incremental



1 funding increases comparable to other institutions of higher education shall  
2 be provided under the Revenue Stabilization Act.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2003  
4 through June 30, 2005.

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6 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
7 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
8 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
9 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
10 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
11 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
12 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
13 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
14 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
15 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
16 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
17 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

18 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing  
19 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue  
20 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State  
21 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
22 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any  
23 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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25 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
26 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
27 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
28 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
29 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
30 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
31 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
32 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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34 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
35 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
36 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the

1 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of  
2 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
3 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
4 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the  
5 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
6 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
7 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
8 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003.

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