

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
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2537

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5 By: Representative Cleveland
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY
10 APPROVE MERGERS OF POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY MAY APPROVE MERGERS OF POST-
16 SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS.
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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 § 6-53-401 is amended to read as follows:

22 6-53-401. Coordination with institutional boards of trustees.

23 ~~All~~ Except as approved by an act of the General Assembly, all future
24 mergers or consolidations of state-supported postsecondary vocational-
25 technical institutions with existing community colleges, branch campuses of
26 four-year institutions or with four-year institutions shall be subject to the
27 approval of the board of trustees of the institution, the State Board of
28 Higher Education, and the North Central Association, Commission on
29 Institutions of Higher Education.
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31 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
32 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that that the General Assembly may
33 approve mergers and consolidation of post-secondary institutions by
34 legislative act; that there is confusion regarding the necessary approval for
35 mergers and consolidations of certain post-secondary institutions; and that
36 this act is immediately necessary because several mergers have been approved



1 by the General Assembly to begin at the start of the next fiscal year.
2 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately
3 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
4 become effective on:

5 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

6 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
7 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
8 bill; or

9 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
10 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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