

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.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2844

5 By: Representative White
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE TWO-YEAR COLLEGE AND
10 TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDY COMMITTEE; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO CREATE THE TWO-YEAR COLLEGE
15 AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDY COMMITTEE.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. (a)(1) There is established a legislative committee to be
21 known as the "Two-Year College And Technical Institute Study Committee".

22 (b) The committee shall consist of thirteen (13) members as follows:

23 (1) The Director of the Department of Higher Education, or his
24 or her designee;

25 (2) The Director of the Department of Workforce Education, or
26 his or her designee;

27 (3) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Association of Two-
28 year Colleges, or his or her designee;

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30 (4) Three (3) persons appointed by the Governor with one (1)
31 selected from each list of no less than five (5) names submitted by the
32 following:

33 (A) Economic Developers Association;

34 (B) Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and

35 (C) Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges;

36 (5)(A) Three (3) persons appointed the President Pro Tempore of



1 the Senate with one (1) selected from each list of no less than five (5)
2 names submitted by the following:

3 (i) Arkansas Department of Economic Development;

4 (ii) The Executive Council of the Arkansas Higher
5 Education Coordinating Board; and

6 (iii) Arkansas Association of Educational
7 Administrators; and

8 (B) One (1) persons appointed the President Pro Tempore of
9 the Senate from the Senate Committee on Education; and

10 (6)(A) Three (3) persons appointed by the Speaker of the House
11 of Representatives with one (1) selected from each list of no less than five
12 (5) names submitted by the following:

13 (1) Arkansas Chamber of Commerce;

14 (2) Teamwork Arkansas; and

15 (3) Farm Bureau; and

16 (B) One (1) persons appointed the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives from the House Committee on Education.

18 (c) Any list required under this act shall be submitted within twenty
19 (20) days of the effective date of this act for initial appointments or
20 within thirty (30) days following a vacancy.

21 (d) The appointed committee members shall be:

22 (1) Individuals who own, operate, or have special knowledge
23 regarding the workforce training needs of Arkansas business and industry; and

24 (2) Residents of the State of Arkansas at the time of
25 appointment and throughout his or her term.

26 (e)(1) If a vacancy occurs in an appointed position, for any reason,
27 the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

28 (2) The new appointee shall serve for the remainder of the
29 unexpired term.

30 (f) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall name one of his
31 or her appointees to serve as chairperson to call and chair the first
32 organizational meeting of the committee until the membership elects a
33 chairperson from among themselves.

34 (g)(1) The committee shall meet at times and places the chairperson
35 deems necessary, but no meetings shall be held outside of the State of
36 Arkansas.

1 (2) A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a
2 quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

3 (3) All action of the committee shall be by a majority vote of
4 the full membership of the committee.

5 (h)(1) The committee shall:

6 (1) Make recommendations to the Arkansas Higher Education
7 Coordinating Board on the mission, role, and scope of technical institutes
8 and two-year colleges in the state; and

9 (2) Determine a method of structuring the technical institutes
10 and two-year colleges in the state to ensure that Arkansas' business and
11 industry workforce needs are being meet;

12 (3) Develop a set of proposal that would provide full
13 utilization of the technical institutes and two-year colleges in shaping the
14 future in Arkansas, a model for funding technical institutes and two-year
15 colleges, a recommendation for the service areas of technical institutes and
16 two-year colleges and identify sources of revenue to implement proposals;

17 (4) Submit a report of its findings an recommendations to the
18 House Interim Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on
19 Education no later than September 1, 2003.

20 (i)(1) To provide support and continuity to the study, a member of the
21 Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall be eligible to serve as
22 many one (1) year terms as chairman of the Arkansas Higher Education
23 Coordinating Board as deemed appropriate and necessary.

24 (2)(A) Members of the committee shall serve without pay.

25 (B) Non-legislative members of the committee may receive
26 expense reimbursement in accordance with Arkansas Code § 25-16-902, to be
27 paid by the Department of Higher Education to the extent money is available.

28 (C) Legislative members of the committee shall receive per
29 diem as allowed by Legislative Council for attendance at interim committees.

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31 SECTION 2. This act shall expire on March 30, 2005.

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33 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
34 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that mission. role and scope of
35 technical institutes and two-year colleges in the state are rapidly being
36 lost by the various mergers and acquisitions; that vital sources of training

1 for industry is being affected during 2003; and that this act is immediately
2 necessary because the states training of its workforce is vital to the
3 stability of the state. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this
4 act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace,
5 health, and safety shall become effective on:

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

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

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

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