

Act 717 of the 1989 Regular Session.

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SB307

By: Joint Budget Committee

"AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE OPERATION OF THE UNIVERSITY CENTER AT WESTARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1991, TO MAKE AVAILABLE SELECTED UPPER-LEVEL AND GRADUATE COURSES AND PROGRAMS IN FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS WITHOUT THE CREATION OF A NEW INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - UNIVERSITY CENTER AT WESTARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the Department of Higher Education Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the University Center at Westark Community College for the biennial period ending June 30, 1991, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	1989-90	1990-91
(01) PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE UNIVERSITY CENTER AT WESTARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000

SECTION 2. Upon certification by the Chairman of the State Board of Higher Education to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, funds and appropriation provided in Section 1 of this Act may be transferred to Westark Community College and the various Arkansas public universities approved to offer courses and programs at the Center, as deemed appropriate by the State Board of Higher Education.

SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

SECTION 5. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1989 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1989 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1989.