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SENATE BILL sb669

4 **By: Senators Russ, Jewell, Keet, Snyder, Hoofman, Hardin, Moore, Bookout,**
5 **Walters, and Luelf**

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS HIGH TECHNOLOGY TRAINING
10 CENTER UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; TO ESTABLISH AN
11 ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE CENTER; TO PRESCRIBE THE POWERS,
12 FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD AND THE CENTER; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

16 "ESTABLISHING THE ARKANSAS HIGH TECHNOLOGY TRAINING CENTER
17 AND AN ADVISORY BOARD, AND PRESCRIBING POWERS AND DUTIES
18 OF THE BOARD AND CENTER."

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

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22 SECTION 1. There is hereby established the Arkansas High Technology
23 Training Center, hereinafter "Center", which shall be a center offering
24 courses in aerospace technology and other high technologies to secondary
25 education students from throughout the state of Arkansas. The Center shall
26 also offer high technology training to specific work forces in coordination
27 with the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission in order to assist the
28 AIDC in fulfilling its obligations and commitments in attracting high
29 technology industry to the state. The Center shall also offer courses to
30 adults to enhance their competencies and capabilities in high technology
31 careers in coordination with the Adult Education Division of the State
32 Department of Vocational Education. The purpose of the Center shall be to
33 educate a broad cross section of students and adults in high technology
34 skills, theory, and careers, and to develop curriculum and materials to
35 improve instruction in high technology for all students and adults in the
36 state. The Center_s curriculum, faculty, and admissions policy shall reflect

1 such purposes.

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3 SECTION 2. The Center shall be located at the Little Rock Regional
4 Airport in conjunction with the Aerospace Education Center and the Arkansas
5 Museum of Aviation History. The Center shall be funded by moneys appropriated
6 by the General Assembly for the operation of the Center and by such grants,
7 contributions, or donations which may be received by the department for the
8 support of the Center. The department may contract with private or public
9 business enterprises or other government agencies to perform customized high
10 technology training for the benefit of those contracting parties. Attendees
11 to the Center may be required to pay tuition, fees, or room and board.

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13 SECTION 3. The Center shall be operated as a part of the Department of
14 Education with the advice and counsel of an eleven-member advisory board of
15 directors to be composed of the Director of the General Education Division of
16 the Department of Education, the Director of the Department of Higher
17 Education, the Director of the Vocational Education Division of the Department
18 of Education, the Director of the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission,
19 the Chairman of the Aviation and Aerospace Commission, and the President of
20 the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority and five (5) members appointed
21 by the Governor from the state at large. The five (5) members initially
22 appointed shall draw lots for terms so that two will serve terms of one (1)
23 year, two will serve terms of two (2) years and one will serve a term of three
24 (3) years. Subsequent appointments to the board shall be for three-year
25 terms. No appointee shall serve more than nine (9) years. The board shall
26 annually elect a chairman and such other officers as the board shall determine
27 appropriate.

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29 SECTION 4. The department shall develop a plan for structure, operation
30 and funding of the Center. The department shall prepare the biennial budget
31 request for the Center_s operation which shall be submitted to the State Board
32 of Education for inclusion in the biennial budget request of the Department of
33 Education for funding programs from the Vocational Education Fund.

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35 SECTION 5. The Director of the Department of Education shall employ an

1 administrator for the Center who shall serve at the pleasure of the Director
2 of the Department of Education. The administrator shall be the chief
3 administrative officer of the Center and shall administer the Center in
4 accordance with the policies established by the department.

5 The administrator and other personnel employed for the operation of the
6 Center shall be employees of the state of Arkansas. Faculty members and other
7 personnel required for operation of the Center shall be recommended for
8 employment by the administrator and shall be employed by annual contract by
9 the department. Teachers and administrators so employed shall be eligible for
10 membership in the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System and earn credited service
11 for such employment. Noneducational personnel employed by the department
12 shall be eligible for membership in the Public Employees Retirement System and
13 earn credited service for such employment.

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15 SECTION 6. The State Department of Education, the Department of Higher
16 Education, the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission, and the Arkansas
17 Science and Technology Authority shall provide technical assistance to the
18 Center. The department shall also be authorized to contract with other
19 agencies and private research centers as it may deem necessary to carry out
20 its responsibilities for the operation of the Center.

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22 SECTION 7. The Department of Education is authorized and empowered to
23 receive contributions, donations, gifts, bequeaths of money, other forms of
24 financial assistance and property, equipment, materials, or personnel from
25 persons, foundations, trust funds, corporations, organizations, and other
26 sources, private or public, to be expended and utilized for the operation of
27 the Center.

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29 SECTION 8. The Department of Education shall supervise the Arkansas
30 High Technology Training Center and is hereby authorized and empowered to
31 promulgate rules and regulations that may be necessary to carry out the
32 provisions of this subchapter.

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34 SECTION 9. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
35 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

1 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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3 SECTION 10. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
4 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
5 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
6 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
7 act are declared to be severable.

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9 SECTION 11. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
10 hereby repealed.

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12 APPROVED: 4/1/93

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