1 State of Arkansas **A BillACT 64 OF 1992** 2 78th General Assembly HOUSE BILL 1004 3 First Extraordinary Session, 1992 By: Representative Day 5 6 For An Act To Be Entitled 7 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A UNIVERSITY CENTER AT THE g MISSISSIPPI COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE; AND FOR OTHER 9 PURPOSES." 10 12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 13 14 SECTION 1. For the purposes of this act: 15 (1) "Upper-level course" means a university course which is 16 considered junior or senior level at the institution offering the course and is not offered at the freshman or sophomore level at the Mississippi County 18 Community College; "Upper-level program" means a prescribed series of university 19 (2) 20 courses offered at the junior and senior level, which, when combined with a 21 prescribed series of freshman and sophomore courses, qualify successful 22 students for the baccalaureate degree; (3) "Graduate course" means a university course intended for 23 24 students who have completed a baccalaureate degree; 25 (4) "Graduate program" means a prescribed series of graduate 26 courses which lead to a post baccalaureate degree. 27 SECTION 2. University Center of the Mississippi County Community 2.8 29 College. 30 In order to provide the residents of northeastern Arkansas with 31 greater access to higher education opportunities beyond those which can be 32 provided by the Mississippi County Community College, there is hereby created 33 the university center at the Mississippi County Community College. The primary

34 purpose of the General Assembly in creating this center is to meet the needs 35 of persons who cannot, because of family or work responsibilities, leave the 36 area to become students at universities in other communities. It is the intent

- 1 of the General Assembly, in creating this center, to avoid the establishment
- 2 of an additional institution of higher education or branch of such
- 3 institution, and to avoid the duplication of administrative personnel and
- 4 services.
- 5 (b) The university center at the Mississippi County Community College
- 6 shall be managed and administered by the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi
- 7 County Community College, utilizing the administrative staff and support
- 8 services of the college.
- 9 (c) The Mississippi County Community College shall determine, in
- 10 cooperation with the public universities and with the approval of the State
- 11 Board of Higher Education, the need for various upper-level and graduate
- 12 programs and courses and shall encourage such institutions to offer the needed
- 13 programs and courses.
- 14 (d) It is the responsibility of the Mississippi County Community
- 15 College District to provide facilities for approved courses and programs at
- 16 the university center at the Mississippi County Community College.
- 17 (e) This act does not authorize the Mississippi County Community
- 18 College to assume the status of a four-year institution.

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- 20 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
- 21 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
- 22 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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- 24 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
- 25 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
- 26 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
- 27 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
- 28 act are declared to be severable.

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- 30 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
- 31 hereby repealed.

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33 APPROVED: 3-20-92

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