State of Arkansas 1 A Bill 2 82nd General Assembly Act 1107 of 1999 3 Regular Session, 1999 HOUSE BILL 2163 4 By: Representative Bond 5 6 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 8 "AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT BOARDS FOR TWO-YEAR COLLEGES 9 HAVE THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO SET TUITION AND FEES: 10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. " 11 12 Subtitle 13 "AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT BOARDS FOR TWO-14 15 YEAR COLLEGES HAVE THE STATUTORY 16 AUTHORITY TO SET TUITION AND FEES." 17 18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 19 20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-53-208 is repealed. 21 6-53-208. Student tuition - Fees. 22 (a) The intent of this chapter is to make technical and community college programs available to as many citizens of Arkansas as possible. To 23 this end, tuition and fees should be maintained at a reasonable level so as 24 not to exclude citizens because of cost. 25 (b) The board shall determine the minimum student tuition and fees to be 26 charged by institutions within the system. Students residing outside a 27 28 community college district may be subject to extra tuition and fees. 29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 6-53-304 is amended to read as follows: 30 "6-53-304. Student tuition - Fees. 31 (a) The intent of this chapter is to make technical and community 32 college programs available to as many citizens of Arkansas as possible. To 33 this end, tuition and fees should be maintained at a reasonable level so as 34 35 not to exclude citizens because of cost. (b) The local board shall determine the minimum student tuition and fees to 36

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- 1 <u>be charged by institutions within the system.</u>
- 2 $\frac{(b)(c)}{(c)}$ The local board shall set both in-district and out-of-district student
- 3 tuition and fees for each institution within its service area. Students
- 4 <u>residing outside a community college district may be subject to extra tuition</u>
- 5 and fees."

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- 7 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 6-61-523 is amended to read as follows:
- 8 "6-61-523. Student fees.
- 9 (a) Tuition. The intent of §§ 6-61-101 6-61-103, 6-61-201 6-61-209,
- 10 6-61-211 6-61-216, 6-61-301 6-61-305, 6-61-306 [repealed], 6-61-401, 6-61-
- 11 402, 6-61-501 6-61-524, 6-61-601 6-61-603, 6-61-604 6-61-612 [repealed]
- 12 is to make community college programs available to as many citizens of
- 13 Arkansas as possible. To this end, tuition and fees should be maintained at a
- 14 reasonable level so as not to exclude citizens because of cost. The State
- 15 Community College Board shall determine a minimum level of any tuition or
- 16 fees. The local board shall have the authority to determine any fees above
- 17 this minimum level the minimum student tuition and fees to be charged. The
- 18 student fees or tuition authorized in §§ 6-61-101 6-61-103, 6-61-201 6-61-
- 19 209, 6-61-211 6-61-216, 6-61-301 6-61-305, 6-61-306 [repealed], 6-61-401,
- 20 6-61-402, 6-61-501 6-61-524, 6-61-601 6-61-603, 6-61-604 6-61-612
- 21 $\frac{\text{[repealed]}}{\text{[constant]}} = \frac{6-61-215}{6-53-304}$. And $\frac{6-53-208}{6-53-208}$ shall be used for educational
- 22 purposes only.

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- (b) Activity Fees. To provide for a student activity program at the
- 24 college, the local board may levy a student activity fee not to exceed a level
- 25 approved by the State Community College Board.
- 26 (c) Out-of-District Tuition. Students who come from within the state
- 27 but without the district may be charged a fee in addition to the fee charged
- 28 students who are residents of the district as determined by the local board
- 29 not to exceed the pro rata share of the per student cost annually paid for
- 30 buildings and operations from local tax revenues. However, when one (1) or
- 31 more residents of a county not in a community college district attend a
- 32 community college, the county of residence of these students may, when funds
- 33 are appropriated therefor by the quorum court of the county, pay the tuition
- 34 of these students in excess of the tuition charged in-district students. Out-
- 35 of-state students may be charged a fee in addition to the fee charged students
- 36 who are residents of the district in the amount determined by the local board

and approved by the State Community College Board.
(d) Special Fees. The local board of each community college may levy special
fees for special programs, short courses, seminars, or like activities at a
level to defray the cost of special activities."
SECTION 4. 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 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.
act are decrared to be severable.
SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
hereby repealed.
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