

**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.
Act 260 of the Regular Session**

1 State of Arkansas
2 86th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2007

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1502

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5 By: Representatives Pyle, Berry, George, R. Green, Hoyt, Lamoureux, Overbey, Wells
6 By: Senators Whitaker, Trusty

For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF ARKANSAS VALLEY
11 TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OF ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY
12 TO ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY – OZARK CAMPUS; AND
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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16 AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF ARKANSAS
17 VALLEY TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OF ARKANSAS
18 TECH UNIVERSITY TO ARKANSAS TECH
19 UNIVERSITY – OZARK CAMPUS.

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

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-57-101 is amended to read as follows:
25 6-57-101. Name change and merger.

26 (a) Effective July 1, 2003, Arkansas Valley Technical Institute is
27 merged with and into Arkansas Tech University and shall be governed by the
28 Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University.

29 (b) Effective July 1, 2003, all powers, duties, responsibility,
30 control, and supervisory authority heretofore vested in the Board of
31 Directors of Arkansas Valley Technical Institute are transferred to the Board
32 of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University, and upon transfer of the assets,
33 books of accounts, and files of the Board of Directors of Arkansas Valley
34 Technical Institute to the Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University, the
35 Board of Directors of Arkansas Valley Technical Institute shall be divested



1 of all obligations and duties.

2 (c) Effective July 1, 2003, the Arkansas Valley Technical Institute
3 campus shall be known as Arkansas Valley Technical Institute of Arkansas Tech
4 University.

5 (d) Effective July 1, 2007, the Arkansas Valley Technical Institute of
6 Arkansas Tech University shall be known as Arkansas Tech University – Ozark
7 Campus.

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9 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-57-103 is amended to read as follows:
10 6-57-103. Employee benefits.

11 (a)(1) Employees of ~~Arkansas Valley Technical Institute~~ Arkansas Tech
12 University – Ozark Campus as of June 30, 2003, who are eligible for payment
13 of accrued sick leave upon retirement or death under § 21-4-501 shall retain
14 that benefit.

15 (2) This benefit shall be paid upon the employee’s retirement or
16 death from the funds restricted to expenditures in support of ~~Arkansas Valley~~
17 ~~Technical Institute~~ Arkansas Tech University – Ozark Campus.

18 (3) Individuals employed after June 30, 2003, shall not be
19 entitled to receive compensation under § 21-4-501.

20 (b)(1) Employees of ~~Arkansas Valley Technical Institute~~ Arkansas Tech
21 University – Ozark Campus as of June 30, 2003, who are enrolled in the
22 alternative retirement plan and are receiving a twelve percent (12%)
23 retirement match shall retain the benefit.

24 (2) Individuals employed after June 30, 2003, shall not be
25 entitled to enroll in the alternative retirement program.

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27 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-57-104 is amended to read as follows:
28 6-57-104. Work Force 2000 funding.

29 Funding from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund shall be provided to
30 Arkansas Tech University to fund workforce development, vocational,
31 occupational, and training programs offered by ~~the Arkansas Valley Technical~~
32 ~~Institute of Arkansas Tech University~~ Arkansas Tech University – Ozark
33 Campus.

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35 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 19-5-304(8)(A), concerning technical
36 institute and other education fund accounts, is amended to read as follows:

1 (8)(A) Technical Institute and Other Education Fund Accounts.
2 ~~The Arkansas Valley Technical Institute~~ Arkansas Tech University – Ozark
3 Campus Fund Account shall be used for the maintenance, operation, and
4 improvement of ~~the Arkansas Valley Technical Institute~~ Arkansas Tech
5 University – Ozark Campus. ~~The Arkansas Valley Technical Institute~~ Arkansas
6 Tech University – Ozark Campus Fund Account shall consist of:

7 (i) Those general revenues as may be provided by
8 law; and

9 (ii) Any other funds made available for the support
10 of ~~the Arkansas Valley Technical Institute which~~ Arkansas Tech University –
11 Ozark Campus that are required to be deposited into the State Treasury by
12 law.

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14 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
15 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that this bill calls for the
16 renaming of Arkansas Valley Technical Institute of Arkansas Tech University
17 to Arkansas Tech University - Ozark Campus and the ideal time for changing
18 the name of the institute is at the beginning of the state’s fiscal year.
19 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being necessary for
20 the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become
21 effective on July 1, 2007.

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25 APPROVED: 3/9/2007
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