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A Bill

SENATE BILL 115

5 By: Senator A. Clark
6 By: Representative McClure
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO SUBSTITUTE "ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THREE
10 RIVERS" FOR "COLLEGE OF THE OUACHITAS" IN THE
11 ARKANSAS CODE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO SUBSTITUTE "ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
16 THREE RIVERS" FOR "COLLEGE OF THE
17 OUACHITAS" IN THE ARKANSAS CODE.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 54 is amended to read as
23 follows:
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Chapter 54

26 ~~COLLEGE OF THE OUACHITAS~~ ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THREE RIVERS
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28 6-54-101. ~~College of The Ouachitas~~ Arkansas State University Three
29 Rivers established.
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31 (a) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall designate
32 ~~the College of The Ouachitas, Malvern,~~ Arkansas State University Three Rivers
33 as a technical college, which shall become part of the Arkansas Technical and
34 Community College System under the coordination of the board.

35 (b) ~~This institution shall not have any authority to request the~~
36 ~~board's approval for associate degree programs before July 1, 1993.~~

(c) ~~This institution~~ Arkansas State University Three Rivers may expand



1 to offer courses of instruction in technical, vocational, and adult education
 2 programs and college transfer programs and may, upon a vote of the
 3 electorate, create a community college district and, if necessary, impose a
 4 millage to convert ~~to~~ Arkansas State University Three Rivers into a community
 5 college.

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 7 6-54-102. Effect on other laws.

8 The procedures and deadlines established in this chapter shall, for the
 9 purpose of this chapter, ~~shall~~ be in lieu of and supersede ~~those set forth in~~
 10 the procedures and deadlines under the existing laws of this state with
 11 respect to the establishment, organization, and administration of ~~this~~
 12 ~~vocational-technical postsecondary institution~~ Arkansas State University
 13 Three Rivers. Existing laws of this state, for the purposes of this chapter,
 14 shall apply only in those situations ~~which~~ that are not specifically provided
 15 for in this chapter and when applied shall be consistent, insofar as
 16 possible, with the purpose, procedures, and deadlines contained in this
 17 chapter.

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 19 6-54-103. Rights and privileges.

20 (a) ~~The technical college~~ Arkansas State University Three Rivers
 21 established ~~herein~~ under this chapter shall be subject to the same
 22 restrictions and enjoy the same privileges as any other technical college
 23 created under the chapter establishing the Arkansas Technical and Community
 24 College System.

25 (b) ~~The President Chancellor of the College of The Ouachitas~~ Arkansas
 26 State University Three Rivers and all other personnel employed by the school
 27 shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as personnel employed by state-
 28 supported postsecondary vocational-technical schools transferred to the
 29 ~~Arkansas Technical and Community College System~~ system under the act
 30 establishing ~~such~~ the system, § 6-53-201 et seq.

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 32 6-54-104. Administration.

33 (a) ~~Until the institution~~ Unless Arkansas State University Three
 34 Rivers elects to become a community college, ~~the institution~~ Arkansas State
 35 University Three Rivers shall be known as a technical college.

36 (b) ~~The technical college~~ Arkansas State University Three Rivers shall

1 ~~work to achieve~~ maintain higher education institutional accreditation from an
2 accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.

3 ~~(e) Upon the appointment of the local board, all records, personnel,~~
4 ~~property, unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds~~
5 ~~of the state supported postsecondary vocational technical institution shall~~
6 ~~be transferred to the local board.~~

7 ~~(d)~~(c) The ~~local board~~ Board of Trustees of the Arkansas State
8 University System shall be responsible for the administration and operation
9 of ~~the institution~~ Arkansas State University Three Rivers and shall be
10 further responsible for the provision of services to meet the two-year
11 postsecondary educational needs of ~~those~~ the citizens located within the
12 service area assigned ~~the institution~~ to Arkansas State University Three
13 Rivers by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

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15 ~~6-54-105. Accreditation — Abolishment.~~

16 ~~If the technical college fails to achieve such accreditation within~~
17 ~~eight (8) years following the date of transfer under § 6-54-104(d), the~~
18 ~~technical college shall be abolished by the Arkansas Higher Education~~
19 ~~Coordinating Board. All records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of~~
20 ~~appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the technical college shall be~~
21 ~~transferred to the Division of Higher Education.~~

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