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A Bill

SENATE BILL 205

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL
10 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL
12 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
17 EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE
18 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby
25 established for the Department of Higher Education for the 2009-2010 fiscal
26 year, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall
27 be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation
28 Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws
29 amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a specific
30 maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the
31 provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons
32 occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions
33 of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-
34 101), or its successor.
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36 Maximum Annual



1			Maximum	Salary Rate	
2	Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year	
3	No.	Code	Title	Employees	2009-2010
4	(1)	U024U	DHE DIRECTOR	1	\$143,445
5	(2)	U089U	DHE DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	\$133,112
6	(3)	N002N	DHE SENIOR ASSOC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N913
7	(4)	N041N	DHE ASSOC DIR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS	1	GRADE N909
8	(5)	N055N	DHE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE N908
9	(6)	N054N	DHE CAREER PATHWAYS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N908
10	(7)	G011C	DHE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS MANAGER	1	GRADE C128
11	(8)	G019C	GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE C127
12	(9)	G043C	DHE FINANCIAL AID MANAGER	1	GRADE C126
13	(10)	G058C	DHE FEDERAL PROGRAM MANAGER	3	GRADE C125
14	(11)	G071C	DHE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE C124
15	(12)	D022C	SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C124
16	(13)	P005C	DHE COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C123
17	(14)	D039C	NETWORK SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C123
18	(15)	G102C	DHE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	17	GRADE C122
19	(16)	D052C	SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	3	GRADE C121
20	(17)	C010C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C118
21	(18)	R025C	HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
22	(19)	A089C	ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE C116
23	(20)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	5	GRADE C112
24	(21)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>2</u>	GRADE C109
25			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	48	

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27 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized,
 28 for the Department of Higher Education for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the
 29 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 30 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: nine
 31 (9) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to
 32 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or
 33 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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35 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 36 appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the

1 Department of Higher Education Fund Account, for personal services, operating
 2 expenses and grants of the Department of Higher Education for the fiscal year
 3 ending June 30, 2010, the following:

4	5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
7	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 2,376,458
8	(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
9	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	639,146
10	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
11	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	481,831
12	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
13	(C) PROF. FEES	15,000
14	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
15	(E) DATA PROC.	0
16	(05) YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED	
17	GRANTS/AID	<u>40,000</u>
18	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 3,612,435</u>

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20 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS AND VARIOUS
 21 SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher
 22 Education, to be payable from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for
 23 providing student assistance grants and various scholarships as provided by
 24 law by the Department of Higher Education for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 25 2010, the following:

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27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
29	(01) NATIONAL GUARD TUITION INCENTIVE PROG	\$ 1,500,000
30	(02) SECOND EFFORT SCHOLARSHIPS	20,000
31	(03) SREB MINORITY DOCTORAL SCHOLARS	200,000
32	(04) TUITION ADJUSTMENT	350,000
33	(05) STATE TEACHER ASSISTANCE RESOURCE	
34	PROGRAM	3,581,717
35	(06) AR ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS	28,000,000
36	(07) ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS	10,750,000

1	(08)	STUDENT UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH	
2		FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (SURF)	307,974
3	(09)	TEACHER OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM	2,000,000
4	(10)	WORKFORCE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS	4,277,169
5	(11)	AR GEOGRAPHICAL CRITICAL NEEDS	
6		MINORITY TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS	200,000
7	(12)	DEPENDENTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT	
8		OFFICERS, ETC SCHOLARSHIPS	200,000
9	(13)	DEPENDENTS OF POWS, MIAS, KIAS-	
10		TUITION WAIVER SCHOLARSHIPS	250,000
11	(14)	SINGLE PARENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	175,000
12	(15)	JR/SR MINORITY TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS	300,000
13	(16)	MINORITY MASTERS FELLOWS	280,000
14	(17)	HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES	
15		GRANTS	11,000,000
16	(18)	WASHINGTON CENTER SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>120,000</u>
17		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 63,511,860</u>

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19 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATE SCHOLARSHIP - FEDERAL. There is hereby
 20 appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the
 21 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 22 grants-in-aid of the Department of Higher Education - State Scholarship -
 23 Federal Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the following:

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25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
27	(01) GRANTS AND AID-STATE	
28	SCHOLARSHIPS-FEDERAL	<u>\$ 500,000</u>

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30 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - TECHNICAL EDUCATION - FEDERAL PROGRAMS. There
 31 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable
 32 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 33 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 34 Higher Education - Technical Education - Federal Programs for the fiscal year
 35 ending June 30, 2010, the following:

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1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
3	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 197,205
4	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	50,631
5	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
6	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	95,000
7	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	19,000
8	(C) PROF. FEES	90,000
9	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
10	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 451,836</u>

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13 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY. There is hereby
 14 appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the
 15 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 16 operating expenses and grants-in-aid of the Department of Higher Education -
 17 Improving Teacher Quality Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010,
 18 the following:

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20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
22	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
23	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 26,856
24	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	13,000
25	(C) PROF. FEES	8,000
26	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
27	(E) DATA PROC.	0
28	(02) IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY GRANTS/AID	<u>1,517,402</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,565,258</u>

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31 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby
 32 appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the
 33 Higher Education Research Development Fund, for providing Arkansas Research
 34 Development Program Grants to Institutions of Higher Education by the
 35 Department of Higher Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the
 36 following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
(01) RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	
GRANTS	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS AND LOANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for payments of the contracts with participating out-of-state institutions of higher learning in the fields of dentistry, optometry, osteopathy, veterinary medicine, chiropractic and podiatry for the education of Arkansas citizens by the Department of Higher Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
(01) CHIROPRACTIC AID	\$ 260,000
(02) DENTAL AID - GRANTS	1,950,000
(03) OPTOMETRY AID - GRANTS	410,000
(04) OSTEOPATHY AID	230,000
(05) PODIATRY AID	130,400
(06) VETERINARY AID	1,100,000
(07) DENTAL AID - LOANS	400,000
(08) OPTOMETRY AID - LOANS	<u>140,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 4,620,400</u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Higher Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 178,070

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	60,620
2	(C) PROF. FEES	176,310
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0
5	(02) SCHOLARSHIPS	100,000
6	(03) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>5,000</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 520,000</u>

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9 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - TANF PROGRAM - FEDERAL. There is hereby
 10 appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the
 11 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 12 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Higher
 13 Education - TANF Program - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010,
 14 the following:

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16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
18	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 374,138
19	(02) EXTRA HELP	25,000
20	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	102,567
21	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
22	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	257,000
23	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,000
24	(C) PROF. FEES	65,000
25	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
26	(E) DATA PROC.	0
27	(05) SELF SUFFICIENCY/JOB TRAINING GRANTS	<u>11,644,793</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 12,488,498</u>

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30 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - COLLEGE ACCESS CHALLENGE GRANT. There is
 31 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable
 32 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 33 State, for operating expenses of the Department of Higher Education - College
 34 Access Challenge Grant Program - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 35 2010, the following:

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1 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
3 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 391,129
5 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
6 (C) PROF. FEES	275,000
7 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	15,000
8 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
9 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 706,129</u>

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11 *SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS GOVERNMENT WORKER LOAN REPAYMENT*
 12 *PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education,*
 13 *to be payable from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for costs*
 14 *associated with the reimbursement/repayment of federal student loans made to*
 15 *qualifying state government workers as determined by the Department of Higher*
 16 *Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the following:*

18 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
20 (01) AR GOVERNMENT WORKER LOAN	
21 REPAYMENT PROGRAM	<u>\$ 5,000,000</u>

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23 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EMERGENCY
 25 GRANTS & EXTRA HELP POOL. An Institution of higher education that suffers an
 26 emergency/disaster event resulting in all or a significant portion of campus
 27 operations being interrupted, may request disaster assistance through the
 28 Arkansas Department of Higher Education. Upon the declaration of an
 29 emergency by the Governor, the institution may request, subject to the
 30 recommendation of the Director of the Department of Higher Education and
 31 approval of the Governor, a grant from the Disaster Relief Fund to assist in
 32 returning that campus to operation and/or to a sister campus providing
 33 services to the students from the affected campus. Certified law enforcement
 34 officers employed by an institution of higher education may be granted
 35 jurisdiction at the sister institution, upon agreement of both institutions.
 36 The Department of Higher Education is authorized a pool of 500 extra help

1 positions for use in such emergency situations. These positions may be
2 assigned to the campus suffering the disaster event or to a sister campus
3 providing services to the students from the affected campus. The Governor
4 may waive the 1,500 hour limit of ACA 6-63-314 on these assigned extra help
5 pool positions.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2007
7 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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9 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
11 REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. Upon
12 determination by the president or chancellor of an institution of higher
13 education that a reallocation of resources for purposes of reorganization or
14 consolidation of administrative functions within the institution is necessary
15 for efficient and effective operations of the institution, the president or
16 chancellor, with approval of the institution's board of trustees, may have
17 the authority to transfer positions, appropriations and related funds between
18 campuses, divisions, branches, and other budgetary units of the institution,
19 after receiving prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
20 Committee. The transfers of positions, programs, or activities shall be used
21 for those purposes for which the appropriations were approved by the General
22 Assembly. The transfers, consolidations, or reorganizations which involve
23 academic programs shall be reviewed by the Department of Higher Education
24 prior to submission to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.
25 Provided, however, that the institution shall be limited to submitting no
26 more than ~~four (4)~~ two (2) individual transaction transfer *requests* during
27 any fiscal year and shall be further limited to no more than five percent
28 (5%) of the total General Revenue and Special Revenue appropriation, funding,
29 positions specific to each institution, and no Tobacco Settlement funds or
30 appropriations may be reallocated pursuant to this section.
31 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
32 appropriation and general revenue funding for institutions of higher
33 education each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This
34 is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation
35 act(s) for institutions of higher education and the general revenue
36 allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the

1 Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that
2 institutions of higher education may operate more efficiently if some
3 flexibility is provided to institutions of higher education authorizing broad
4 powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate
5 that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of
6 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this
7 section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint
8 Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement
9 of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled
10 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is
11 void.

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2007~~
13 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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15 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. LOANS. In
17 order to provide timely payments under financial aid appropriations made in
18 this Act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State is authorized to provide
19 loans from the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund to make available all funds
20 attributable to the financial aid programs under the then current official
21 revenue estimates. In the event of an unanticipated state revenue shortfall,
22 any such loans remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall be repaid from
23 revenues distributed in the first two months of the next fiscal year. Funds
24 for appropriations made in this Act for purposes other than financial aid
25 shall not be affected by the application of this provision.

26 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2007~~
27 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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29 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. WORK
31 FORCE 2000 DEVELOPMENT FUND PROCEDURES. After the amounts to be made
32 available to the various technical colleges have been determined as set out
33 in Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2), such documents as may be necessary shall be
34 processed so that funds may be transferred from the Work Force 2000
35 Development Fund to the State Treasury fund or fund account from which the
36 technical college draws its general revenue support. Such funds as may be

1 transferred shall not exceed ~~93.69%~~ 93.691% of the total funds available from
2 the Work Force 2000 Development Fund during ~~each~~ the fiscal year ~~of the~~
3 ~~biennial period ending June 30, 2009.~~

4 In the event that a technical institute or comprehensive lifelong learning
5 center which receives support from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund as
6 determined by law transfers or merges into the Arkansas Technical College and
7 Community College System for which Work Force 2000 Development Fund monies
8 are determined by law, then the actual amount of support from the Work Force
9 2000 Development Fund in the preceding fiscal year for such educational
10 institution shall be made available irrespective of any other provision of
11 law which sets out maximum levels of support from such fund.

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2007~~
13 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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15 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. BUILDING
17 MAINTENANCE FUND. After the sum of \$13,200,000 has been deposited into the
18 Higher Education Building Maintenance Fund, the next \$10,000,000 or so much
19 as is collected, is to be transferred to the Research Development Fund there
20 to be used as provided by law.

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2007~~
22 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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24 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REFUND TO
26 EXPENDITURES. Proceeds derived from the repayment of loans as authorized in
27 Items (15), (16) and (05) of Section 4 of this Act for the JR/SR Minority
28 Teacher Scholars, the Minority Masters Fellows and the State Teacher
29 Assistance Resource Program shall be deposited into the State Treasury fund
30 from which it originated. ~~as "Refunds to Expenditures."~~

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2007~~
32 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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34 SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. NATIONAL
36 GUARD TUITION ~~ASSISTANCE~~ INCENTIVE PROGRAM. In addition to any other

1 provisions of law, any student who receives assistance from the appropriation
2 made for the "National Guard Tuition ~~Assistance~~ Incentive Program" in this
3 Act shall repay any loans and/or assistance if the student receives a
4 discharge that is a less than Honorable Discharge. Priority for funding shall
5 be given to students already receiving assistance from the National Guard
6 Tuition ~~Assistance~~ Incentive Program.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2007~~
8 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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10 SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COLLEGE
12 SAVINGS BONDS. The Department of Higher Education shall adopt rules and
13 regulations for the allocation of the funds reappropriated for the
14 development of projects at State Institutions of Higher Education and the
15 payment of project costs and expenses of the issuance of the bonds of the
16 Arkansas College Savings General Obligation Bonds Program to ensure that
17 funds are allocated and expended in a manner consistent with the provisions
18 of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to the Arkansas College Savings
19 General Obligation Bond Program (Program). The funds reappropriated for the
20 development of projects at State Institutions of Higher Education and the
21 payment of project costs and expenses of the issuance of the bonds of the
22 Arkansas College Savings General Obligation Bonds Program shall be allocated
23 and expended pursuant to the provisions of Arkansas Code 6-62-701 et. seq.
24 and other laws of this State. The expenditure and allocation of funds shall
25 be exempt from any other provisions of state law which conflicts with any
26 provision of the rules and regulations which rules and regulations are
27 required to ensure the compliance of the Program with the applicable
28 provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

29 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2007~~
30 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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32 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COLLEGE
34 SAVINGS BONDS LIMITATIONS. The total principal amount of bonds to be issued
35 during any fiscal biennium shall not exceed three-hundred million dollars
36 (\$300,000,000), nor shall the principal amount of bonds outstanding at any

1 time have debt service requirements in excess of twenty-four million dollars
2 (\$24,000,000) in any one fiscal year from all state revenue sources.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2007~~
4 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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6 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
8 FORWARD - HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS AND LOANS. The balance of the funds ~~and~~
9 ~~appropriations~~ as provided for "Health Education Grants and Loans" in this
10 Act which remain on June 30, ~~2008~~ 2010, shall be carried forward and made
11 available for the same purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2009~~
12 2011.

13 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of ~~appropriation and/or~~ funding as
14 authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

15 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2008~~ 2010 the Agency shall by written statement set
16 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said ~~appropriation and/or~~
17 funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

18 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
19 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward ~~from~~
20 ~~the first fiscal year of the biennium to the second fiscal year of the~~
21 ~~biennium~~ by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget
22 Committee meeting ~~in the second fiscal year of the biennial period~~ which
23 report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution
24 and the amount of ~~the appropriation and/or~~ funding carried forward ~~from the~~
25 ~~first fiscal year to the second fiscal year~~, the program name or line item,
26 the funding source ~~of that appropriation~~ and a copy of the written request
27 set forth in (1) above;

28 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written
29 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
30 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
31 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for
32 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)
33 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
34 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
35 Committee; and

36 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include

1 all information obtained in item (3) above in the ~~biennial~~ budget manuals
2 and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or
3 Institution.

4 ~~The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2007~~
5 ~~through June 30, 2009.~~

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7 SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. HEALTH
9 EDUCATION GRANTS AND LOANS - PRIORITIES. The Arkansas Higher Education
10 Coordinating Board, after consulting with the recognized associations of each
11 of the applicable medical professions and other interested persons, shall
12 determine the priorities for the applicable programs enumerated in the
13 appropriation made for "Health Education Grants and Loans" in this Act. The
14 Arkansas Department of Higher Education, if necessary, shall re-adjust the
15 number of positions for entering students to be funded for each applicable
16 program based upon the priorities determined by the board.

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2007~~
18 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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20 SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FINANCIAL
22 AID PROGRAMS REPORTING. The Arkansas Department of Higher Education shall
23 report by May 30 to the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education the
24 budgeted allocation for each financial aid program funded through the Higher
25 Education Grants Fund Account for the upcoming fiscal year and projections
26 for the following year.

27 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2007~~
28 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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30 SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
32 AUDIT/REVIEW OF STATE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS. Any post-secondary institution that
33 receives state scholarship funds administered by the Arkansas Department of
34 Higher Education shall be subject to audit/review of such funds by the
35 Division of Legislative Audit, upon approval of the Legislative Joint Audit
36 Committee.

1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2007~~
2 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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4 SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. AUDIT
6 DATA. All post-secondary institutions shall provide to the Arkansas
7 Department of Higher Education a copy of the Integrated Post-Secondary
8 Education Data System (IPEDS) data within three weeks following the IPEDS due
9 date, which shall be subject to audit by the Arkansas Department of Higher
10 Education.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2007~~
12 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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14 SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
16 APPROPRIATION TRANSFER PROCEDURES - AR GEOGRAPHICAL CRITICAL NEEDS MINORITY
17 TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. The Director of the Arkansas Department of
18 Higher Education shall determine the amount available, up to \$200,000 per
19 fiscal year, to fund the Arkansas Geographical Critical Needs Minority
20 Teacher Scholarships and shall certify to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
21 State and the State Treasurer such amount as is required to be transferred
22 from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account. Upon receiving such
23 certification, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the State Treasurer
24 shall cause to be transferred the necessary funds and appropriation to the
25 fund account of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff for implementation
26 of this program. The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff may use up to
27 twenty percent (20%) of the funds and appropriation for administration of the
28 program.

29 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2007~~
30 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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32 SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING
34 FOR SALARY INCREASES. New funding through the Revenue Stabilization Act
35 determined by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to have been for
36 salary increases for ~~each~~ the fiscal year ~~of the 2007-2009 Biennium~~ for

1 Institutions of Higher Education shall be used exclusively for salary
2 increases. New funding actually received for salary increases shall be spent
3 exclusively for salary increases based upon the state general revenue portion
4 of total unrestricted educational and general revenue. Funding received under
5 this provision shall be used for no purpose other than to provide such salary
6 increases. Any designated funds not used for salary increases shall be
7 recouped at the end of each fiscal year and transferred to the General
8 Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2007~~
10 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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12 SECTION 30. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ~~HIGHER~~
14 ~~EDUCATION COORDINATOR OF RECRUITMENT~~ DHE PROGRAM COORDINATOR FUNDING. The
15 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer ~~the sums of ninety thousand,~~
16 ~~four hundred seventy four dollars (\$90,474)~~ sufficient funding for the fiscal
17 year ~~ending June 30, 2008 and ninety two thousand, seven hundred seventy six~~
18 ~~dollars (\$92,776) for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009~~ from the Higher
19 Education Grants Fund Account to the Department of Higher Education Fund
20 Account in order to finance the personal services costs of ~~the Higher~~
21 ~~Education Coordinator of Recruitment~~ a DHE Program Coordinator.

22 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2007~~
23 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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25 SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
27 PROVISION. Upon certification by the Director of the Department of Higher
28 Education that transfers are needed to make maximum utilization of funds and
29 appropriations provided for financial aid programs, and with the approval of
30 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and a review by the Arkansas
31 Legislative Council, funds and appropriations may be transferred between
32 financial aid programs, except that funds and appropriations may not be
33 transferred for such purposes from either the Governor's Scholars Program or
34 the Academic Challenge Scholarships Program in excess of \$1,000,000 in the
35 aggregate in ~~either~~ a fiscal year. Any transfer restrictions contained in
36 appropriation acts for the Department of Higher Education relating to

1 appropriation transfers from Governor's Scholars Program and Academic
2 Challenge Scholarships shall not be applicable to transfers between
3 Governor's Scholars and Academic Challenge Scholarship appropriations.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2007~~
5 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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7 SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
9 OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS - HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS AND
10 LOANS. Upon certification to and with the approval of the Chief Fiscal
11 Officer of the State, surplus funds and appropriations may be transferred
12 between the appropriations provided for "Health Education Grants and Loans"
13 by this Act by the ~~Eighty-Sixth~~ Eighty-Seventh General Assembly for Dental
14 Aid Grants and Loans, Optometry Aid, Veterinary Aid, Podiatry Aid,
15 Chiropractic Aid and ~~Osteopathic~~ Osteopathy Aid.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2007~~
17 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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19 SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
21 CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATIONS - TRANSFERS AND REPORTS. (a) Upon approval by
22 the Department of Higher Education and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
23 institutions of higher education may transfer appropriation from the cash
24 contingency appropriation to any other appropriation made to the institution
25 from cash funds including the establishment of commitment items, and may
26 transfer appropriation from the contingency appropriation made payable from
27 each institution's State Treasury Fund to the state operations appropriation
28 made payable from each institution's State Treasury Fund including the
29 establishment of commitment items, and may transfer appropriation from the
30 contingency appropriation made payable from the Tobacco Settlement Program
31 Fund Accounts to any other appropriation made to the institution from Tobacco
32 Settlement Program Fund Accounts including the establishment of commitment
33 items.

34 (b) Contingency appropriation transfers shall only establish and
35 supplement commitment items that were recommended by the Higher Education
36 Coordinating Board in the budget manuals presented to the Legislative Council

1 and Joint Budget Committee ~~for the 2007-2009 Biennium~~.

2 (c) The Department of Higher Education shall report contingency
3 appropriation transfers and the establishment of any commitment items
4 authorized by this Section ~~for the 2007-2009 Biennium~~ to the Legislative
5 Council or Joint Budget Committee for review during its July 2007 meeting.
6 The report shall include, by institution, the establishment of, and the
7 amounts transferred to, each commitment item, the reasons therefor and the
8 source of funds. Institutions shall submit contingency appropriation transfer
9 and commitment item establishment requests ~~for the 2007-2009 Biennium~~
10 authorized by this Section to the Department of Higher Education no later
11 than July 1, ~~2007~~. Upon the failure of an institution to submit the required
12 information by the July 1, ~~2007~~ deadline, the Department of Higher Education
13 shall immediately notify by written notification the chairpersons of the
14 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

15 ~~The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2007~~
16 ~~through June 30, 2009.~~

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18 SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
19 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. STUDENT
20 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (SURF) PROGRAM. The focus of the Student
21 Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program is the continued development
22 of undergraduate academic research efforts at Arkansas colleges and
23 universities. The Arkansas Department of Higher Education shall adopt rules
24 and regulations necessary for the proper administration of the Student
25 Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program. Administrative functions and
26 responsibilities may include, but not necessarily be limited to, the
27 development of eligibility criteria, collection of applications, coordination
28 of student evaluations, distribution of public notices, and funding of grants
29 for academic research purposes. Staff of the Arkansas Department of Higher
30 Education shall administer this program. The Arkansas Department of Higher
31 Education shall be authorized to expense costs associated with the
32 administration of the program, from funds made payable from the Higher
33 Education Grants Fund Account for the Student Undergraduate Research
34 Fellowship Program as authorized in Section 4 of this Act.

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36 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
2 COOPERATION AGREEMENTS. Any two-year institution of Higher Education that has
3 its main or a satellite campus located within a twenty five mile radius of
4 any four-year institution of higher education shall enter into a written
5 agreement with that four-year institution which must address duplication of
6 services between the institutions.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2007
8 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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10 SECTION 36. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
11 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
12 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
13 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
14 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
15 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
16 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
17 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
18 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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20 SECTION 37. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
21 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
22 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
23 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
24 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
25 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
26 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
27 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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29 SECTION 38. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
30 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
31 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
32 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2009 is essential to the operation of
33 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
34 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
35 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2009 could work irreparable harm upon the
36 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.

1 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
2 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
3 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2009.

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