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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 119

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING RIVERSIDE VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL  
9 SCHOOL; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ROLE OF THE  
10 DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EDUCATION WITH RESPECT TO  
11 RIVERSIDE VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ROLE OF  
16 THE DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EDUCATION WITH  
17 RESPECT TO RIVERSIDE VOCATIONAL AND  
18 TECHNICAL SCHOOL.  
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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 § 12-29-307 is amended to read as follows:

25 12-29-307. Riverside Vocational and Technical School – Establishment.

26 There is established a state vocational and technical school, to be  
27 known as the “Riverside Vocational and Technical School”, to be operated by  
28 the ~~Career Education and Workforce Development~~ Board of Corrections within  
29 the Department of Correction and the Department of Community Correction at  
30 such facilities of the Department of Correction and the Department of  
31 Community Correction as may be designated by the ~~Department of Career~~  
32 ~~Education in cooperation and agreement with the~~ Board of Corrections.  
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34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-29-309 is amended to read as follows:

35 12-29-309. Riverside Vocational and Technical School – Facilities –  
36 Operations – Rules.



1 (a)(1) The ~~Career Education and Workforce Development~~ Board of of  
2 Corrections shall locate facilities and operate vocational or technical  
3 education or training programs within the Riverside Vocational and Technical  
4 School.

5 (2)(A) The operation of the school is subject to ~~such~~ special  
6 rules ~~deemed appropriate for the operation of~~ vocational ~~or~~ and technical  
7 education or training programs at ~~the~~ correctional institutions under the  
8 control of the Department of Correction and the Department of Community  
9 Correction.

10 (B) The special rules required under subdivision (a)(2)(A)  
11 of this section shall be in accordance with agreements and rules mutually  
12 developed and agreed to by the Career Education and Workforce Development  
13 Board and the Board of Corrections.

14 (b)(1) The school shall be entitled to all funds, rights, and  
15 privileges ~~and shall be operated in the same manner~~ as other area vocational  
16 and technical schools ~~are~~ operated in this state.

17 (2) However, the school shall be operated in accordance with the  
18 special rules for ~~the operation of~~ vocational ~~or~~ and technical education or  
19 training programs at facilities of the Department of Correction and the  
20 Department of Community Correction as provided in §§ 12-29-306 – 12-29-310.  
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22 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 12-29-310(a), concerning the cost of  
23 implementation and operation of Riverside Vocational and Technical School, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

25 (a) The cost of implementing and operating the Riverside Vocational  
26 and Technical School at facilities of the Department of Correction and the  
27 Department of Community Correction as authorized by this section and §§ 12-  
28 29-306 – 12-29-309 shall be borne by the state and shall be paid from funds  
29 appropriated by the General Assembly to the school, the ~~Department of Career~~  
30 ~~Education, and to the~~ Department of Correction, and the Department of  
31 Community Correction, together with any federal funds that may be available  
32 for this purpose in the following manner:

33 (1) The cost of facilities and equipment in excess of the amount  
34 of moneys provided by the school ~~and the Department of Career Education~~ shall  
35 be borne by the Department of Correction and the Department of Community  
36 Correction as approved by the Board of Corrections; and

1           (2)(A) This section and §§ 12-29-306 – 12-29-309 contemplate  
2 that the Department of Correction and the Department of Community Correction  
3 will provide facilities for the vocational and technical education programs  
4 operated by the school.

5           (B) However, nothing in this section and §§ 12-29-306 –  
6 12-29-309 shall prohibit the Career Education and Workforce Development Board  
7 from providing ~~facilities~~ or sharing in the cost of facilities ~~and or~~ from  
8 providing or sharing in the cost of ~~repairing~~ repairs, maintenance, and  
9 upkeep of the buildings and facilities with the Department of Correction and  
10 the Department of Community Correction as funds are provided by the General  
11 Assembly, or are otherwise available for these purposes.

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