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By: Representative Dawson

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO SUPPORT PROGRAMMATIC LINKAGES BETWEEN
UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES, AND VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND TO
ENCOURAGE THE OFFERING OF ACADEMIC COURSES BY PUBLIC
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AT OFF-CAMPUS LOCATIONS;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Definitions. For the purpose of this act:

(1) "Programmatic Linkages" shall mean the systematic planned offering of courses leading to an approved degree offered at a location, which is an established university, college, or vocational-technical school.

(2) "Off Campus Academic Course" shall mean a credit course offered at a location other than an established university or college campus or vocational-technical school.

SECTION 2. The Department of Higher Education shall:

(1) encourage programmatic linkages between public supported four year universities, two year colleges, and vocational-technical schools in offering programs leading to the completion, or linking to a college campus for the completion, of a degree. Such linkages will be based on the utilizing of facilities existing at a university or college campus or a vocational-technical school,

(2) encourage off-campus academic courses for credit at off-campus locations by two and four year public institutions of higher education.

SECTION 3. In implementing the programs authorized by this act, the State Board of Higher Education shall count the head count and full time equivalent enrollment (FTE), for established programmatic linkages, for

enrollment and budgetary purposes in the same way as a similar course or program would be counted, if offered on campus. Off-campus academic courses offered at various locations and not a part of a planned programmatic linkage shall be counted on a one half the headcount and FTE bases for enrollment and budgetary purposes.

SECTION 4. Tuition for either the programmatic linkage program or off-campus academic course offering shall be equal to the approved on campus level for a similar offered course or program.

SECTION 5. Approval of programmatic linkage agreements shall be by the respective boards with final approval by the Board of Higher Education.

SECTION 6. 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 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that programmatic linkages between public supported four year universities, two year colleges, and vocational-technical schools should be encouraged; that this act advances programmatic linkages; and that this act should become effective immediately for the effective administration of the act. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.