

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Representative Dawson**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE TO
9 CLARIFY THE NAME OF SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY - TECH."

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

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13 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-61-102 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 "6-61-102. Applicability of § 6-61-101 - 6-61-103, 6-61-201 - 6-61-209,
15 6-61-211 - 6-61-216, 6-61-301 - 6-61-306, 6-61-401, 6-61-402, 6-61-501 -
16 6-61-524, 6-61-601 - 6-61-612.

17 SAU - Tech and the El Dorado Branch of Southern Arkansas University
18 shall be exempt from the provisions of § 6-61-101 - 6-61-103, 6-61-201 -
19 6-61-209, 6-61-211 - 6-61-216, 6-61-301 - 6-61-306, 6-61-401, 6-61-402,
20 6-61-501 - 6-61-524, 6-61-601 - 6-61-612."

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22 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 6-65-404 is hereby amended to read as follow:

23 "6-65-404. SAU - Tech.

24 (a) The Board of Trustees and the President of Southern Arkansas
25 University shall operate SAU - Tech as a technical division of Southern
26 Arkansas University.

27 (b) The Board of Trustees of Southern Arkansas University, through the
28 President of Southern Arkansas University, is authorized to establish
29 appropriate rules and regulations for the operation of SAU - Tech.

30 (c) The Board of Trustees of Southern Arkansas University shall operate
31 the properties belonging to the division in accordance with the terms of and
32 for the respective purposes as set forth in the conveyance and agreements by
33 which the properties were donated to the State Board for Vocational
34 Education."

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1 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 6-65-405 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 "6-65-405. SAU - Tech Advisory Committee.

3 (a) There is established for SAU - Tech an advisory committee.

4 (b)(1) The advisory committee shall consist of nine (9) resident
5 electors of this state to be appointed by the Governor.

6 (2) Members of the advisory committee shall be appointed from the state
7 at large and shall consist of persons who, because of education, business, or
8 technical knowledge, training, or experience, have a demonstrated interest in
9 advanced vocational-technical training.

10 (c) The members of the advisory committee shall be appointed for nine-
11 year staggered terms.

12 (d) Members of the advisory committee shall organize by electing one
13 (1) of their members chairman and electing such other officers as the
14 committee may determine.

15 (e) Members of the advisory committee shall serve without pay but shall
16 be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses for meals, lodging, and
17 travel incurred in attending meetings of the advisory committee.

18 (f) The advisory committee shall advise the Board of Trustees of
19 Southern Arkansas University and the Director of SAU - Tech with respect to
20 all aspects of the programs, activities, and operation of SAU - Tech."
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22 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 6-64-408(a) is hereby amended to read as
23 follows:

24 "(a) Moneys appropriated by the General Assembly for the operation,
25 construction, and equipment of the Magnolia Campus, SAU - Tech, and the El
26 Dorado Branch of Southern Arkansas University shall be made by separate
27 appropriations in order to assure each campus of its intended level of
28 support."
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30 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code 6-65-409 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 "6-65-409. Housing allowance for Chancellor of SAU - Tech.

32 Upon approval by the Southern Arkansas University Board of Trustees, the
33 Chancellor of SAU - Tech may receive a housing allowance in an amount not to
34 exceed four hundred dollars (\$400) per month in lieu of college housing."
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1 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code 12-13-201 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 "12-13-201. Construction, operation, etc.

4 The State Board of Education shall construct a fire training academy at
5 the Southern Arkansas University, SAU - Tech, and shall maintain and operate
6 at the academy a fire service training program."

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8 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code 12-13-203 is hereby amended to read as
9 follows:

10 "12-13-203. Duties of board.

11 The Arkansas Fire Training Academy Board shall have the authority and
12 responsibility to advise the Chancellor at Southern Arkansas University, SAU -
13 Tech, on service needs, curriculum, instructional content, and problems at the
14 Fire Training Academy and the appointment and retention of the Director of the
15 Arkansas Fire Training Academy."

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17 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code 19-5-303(j) (1) is hereby amended to read as
18 follows:

19 "(j) (1) SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY FUND.

20 There is established on the books of the State Treasurer, State Auditor,
21 and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a fund to be known as the Southern
22 Arkansas University Fund. This fund shall be used for the maintenance,
23 operation, and improvement of the Southern Arkansas University, El Dorado
24 branch, SAU - Tech, and the Fire Training Academy and the Environment Control
25 Center of SAU - Tech."

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27 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code 19-4-906(a) (101) is hereby amended to read as
28 follows:

29 "(101) Southern Arkansas University - Tech 8"

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31 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code 24-7-1002(a) is hereby amended to read as
32 follows:

33 "(a) All persons, except those who are eligible for membership in the
34 Teacher Retirement System as provided for under the provisions of Acts 1967,
35 No. 436, and except those who are eligible for membership in an alternate

1 system as provided for under the provisions of § 24-7-801 - 24-7-808 employed
2 by Arkansas State University, Arkansas State University - Beebe, the
3 University of Central Arkansas, Henderson State University, Arkansas Tech
4 University, Southern Arkansas University, Southern Arkansas University at El
5 Dorado, SAU - Tech, at Camden, or a state-supported community college after
6 March 19, 1983, shall be members of the Public Employees' Retirement System
7 unless, at the time of employment, they are already members of the Teacher
8 Retirement System due to previous employment with an employer covered by the
9 Teacher Retirement System."

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11 SECTION 11. Hereafter the institution formally known as the Southwest
12 Technical Institute Division of Southern Arkansas University or the Southwest
13 Technical Branch shall be known and referred to as SAU - Tech.

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15 SECTION 12. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent
16 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
17 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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19 SECTION 13. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to
20 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
21 other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without
22 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
23 Act are declared to be severable.

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25 SECTION 14. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are
26 hereby repealed.

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