

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

# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A UNIVERSITY CENTER AT THE  
9 MISSISSIPPI COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES."

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

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14 SECTION 1. For the purposes of this act:

15 (1) "Upper-level course" means a university course which is  
16 considered junior or senior level at the institution offering the course and  
17 is not offered at the freshman or sophomore level at the Mississippi County  
18 Community College;

19 (2) "Upper-level program" means a prescribed series of university  
20 courses offered at the junior and senior level, which, when combined with a  
21 prescribed series of freshman and sophomore courses, qualify successful  
22 students for the baccalaureate degree;

23 (3) "Graduate course" means a university course intended for  
24 students who have completed a baccalaureate degree;

25 (4) "Graduate program" means a prescribed series of graduate  
26 courses which lead to a post baccalaureate degree.

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28 SECTION 2. University Center of the Mississippi County Community  
29 College.

30 (a) In order to provide the residents of northeastern Arkansas with  
31 greater access to higher education opportunities beyond those which can be  
32 provided by the Mississippi County Community College, there is hereby created  
33 the university center at the Mississippi County Community College. The primary  
34 purpose of the General Assembly in creating this center is to meet the needs  
35 of persons who cannot, because of family or work responsibilities, leave the

1 area to become students at universities in other communities. It is the intent  
2 of the General Assembly, in creating this center, to avoid the establishment  
3 of an additional institution of higher education or branch of such  
4 institution, and to avoid the duplication of administrative personnel and  
5 services.

6 (b) The university center at the Mississippi County Community College  
7 shall be managed and administered by the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi  
8 County Community College, utilizing the administrative staff and support  
9 services of the college.

10 (c) The Mississippi County Community College shall determine, in  
11 cooperation with the public universities and with the approval of the State  
12 Board of Higher Education, the need for various upper-level and graduate  
13 programs and courses and shall encourage such institutions to offer the needed  
14 programs and courses.

15 (d) It is the responsibility of the Mississippi County Community  
16 College District to provide facilities for approved courses and programs at  
17 the university center at the Mississippi County Community College.

18 (e) This act does not authorize the Mississippi County Community  
19 College to assume the status of a four-year institution.

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21 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
22 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
23 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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25 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
26 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
27 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
28 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
29 act are declared to be severable.

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31 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
32 hereby repealed.

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