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A Bill

SENATE BILL 58

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 6-53-402 TO CHANGE THE
9 TIME PERIOD FOR REQUIRING ACCREDITATION OF A CONVERTED
10 TECHNICAL COLLEGE FROM SIX (6) YEARS TO *EIGHT* (8) YEARS
11 AFTER ITS CONVERSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO INCREASE THE TIME PERIOD OF
15 REQUIRING TECHNICAL COLLEGES TO BE
16 ACCREDITED FROM SIX (6) YEARS TO *EIGHT*
17 (8) YEARS AFTER THEIR CONVERSIONS."

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

21 SECTION 1. Arkansas code § 6-53-402 is amended to read as follows:

22 "6-53-402. Two-year branches - Conversion to technical college.

23 (a) A board of trustees of a four-year institution may, by resolution
24 or when requested, petition the State Board of Higher Education to accept a
25 two-year branch campus to be a technical college under the state board's
26 jurisdiction.

27 (b) Upon approval by the State Board of Higher Education and the North
28 Central Association, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education and
29 assignment of a service area for the institution, the two-year branch campus
30 shall be known as a technical college.

31 (c) All records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of
32 appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the two-year branch campus
33 shall be transferred to the board until a local board is appointed.

34 (d) Upon the appointment of a local board, all records, personnel,
35 property, unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations or other funds

1 of the technical college shall be transferred to the local board.

2 (e) The local board shall be responsible for the administration and
3 operation of the technical college and such other state-supported
4 institutions within the system located in the service area designated by the
5 state board as necessary to adequately meet the two-year postsecondary
6 educational needs of those citizens located within the service area assigned
7 to the technical college.

8 (f) Upon the establishment of the technical college, the two-year
9 branch of the four-year institution shall be abolished.

10 (g) Any technical college established under this section which fails
11 to achieve higher education institutional accreditation from the North
12 Central Association, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education within
13 *eight (8)* years following the date of conversion, shall be abolished by the
14 state board. All records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of
15 appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the technical college shall be
16 transferred to the State Department of Higher Education.

17 (h)(1) No state-supported vocational-technical institution in this
18 state other than those provided for by this chapter shall convert to become a
19 technical college if there is an existing community college located within
20 the same county of the vocational-technical institution.

21 (2) The local board of any state-supported postsecondary
22 institution and the board of a community college located within the same
23 county, may, upon passage of a resolution by each board, and with the
24 approval by the state board and the North Central Association, Commission on
25 Institutions of Higher Education, merge the state-supported postsecondary
26 institution with the community college."

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28 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-53-301(g) is hereby amended to*
29 *read as follows:*

30 *"(g) Any technical college which fails to achieve higher education*
31 *institutional accreditation from the North Central Association, Commission on*
32 *Institutions of Higher Education within eight (8) years following the date of*
33 *transfer under subsection (e) of this section, shall be abolished by the*
34 *state board. All records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of*
35 *appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the technical college shall be*

1 transferred to the State Department of Higher Education."

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3 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-53-403(j) is hereby amended to
4 read as follows:

5 "(j) Any community college established under this section which fails
6 to achieve higher education institutional accreditation from the North
7 Central Association, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education within
8 eight (8) years following the date of conversion, shall be abolished by the
9 state board. All records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of
10 appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the community college shall be
11 transferred to the State Department of Higher Education."

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13 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-53-404(h) is hereby amended to
14 read as follows:

15 "(h) Any satellite campus of a community college which fails to become
16 a branch campus of the community college or which fails to achieve higher
17 education institutional accreditation from the North Central Association,
18 Commission on Institutions of Higher Education within eight (8) years
19 following the date of transfer under subsection (b) of this section, shall be
20 abolished by the State Board. All records, personnel, property, unexpended
21 balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the satellite
22 campus shall be transferred to the State Department of Higher Education."

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24 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-54-105 is hereby amended to
25 read as follows:

26 "6-54-105. Accreditation - Abolishment.

27 If the technical college fails to achieve such accreditation within
28 eight (8) years following the date of transfer under § 6-54-104(d), the
29 technical college shall be abolished by the State Board. All records,
30 personnel, property, unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or
31 other funds of the technical college shall be transferred to the State
32 Department of Higher Education."

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34 SECTION 6. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature
35 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

1 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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3 SECTION 7. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to
4 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect
5 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
6 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
7 act are declared to be severable.

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9 SECTION 8. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
10 hereby repealed.

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