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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2266

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY  
10 COLLEGE AT HOPE AS A UNIQUE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

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14 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH UNIVERSITY OF  
15 ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT HOPE AS A  
16 UNIQUE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ."  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. In order to encourage the redesign of higher education in  
21 Arkansas, the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope is hereby  
22 established as a "unique community college," a community college that  
23 predominantly offers one and two-year certificate and associate degrees and  
24 which also is authorized to offer selected baccalaureate degrees.  
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26 SECTION 2. The primary purpose of the General Assembly in establishing  
27 the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope as a unique community  
28 college is to allow University of Arkansas Community College to serve as the  
29 states model for a "new college" which includes a curriculum which shortens  
30 the learning cycle for a baccalaureate degree from the national average of  
31 more than five (5) years to three (3) years and which reexamines and realigns  
32 instructional systems, schedules, and processes in order to meet the needs of  
33 an information and technology-driven era. It is the intent of the General  
34 Assembly to limit the designation "unique community college" to University of  
35 Arkansas Community College.

36 SECTION 3. University of Arkansas Community College at Hope is

1 authorized to offer a baccalaureate degree program in Manufacturing Technology  
2 and other selected baccalaureate degree programs, not to exceed a total of  
3 nine (9) in number. Each baccalaureate degree program offered by University  
4 of Arkansas Community College must meet a demonstrated demand of the area and  
5 industries served by the college and be designed for completion in less than  
6 four (4) years. After the first graduating class, baccalaureate programs that  
7 have a job placement rate or graduation rate of fewer than nine (9) students  
8 per year for three (3) consecutive years will be dropped. The preponderance  
9 of degrees offered by University of Arkansas Community College (seventy-five  
10 percent (75%) or more) shall be one-semester certificates of proficiency, one-  
11 year technical certificates, and two-year associate of applied science and  
12 arts degrees. University of Arkansas Community College may contract with  
13 other colleges and universities for the offering of courses and programs.  
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15       SECTION 4. University of Arkansas Community College shall seek a  
16 systemic change in the current higher education model by realigning its  
17 programs to a model that meets the needs of an information and technology-  
18 driven era. Each educational program offered by University of Arkansas  
19 Community College, whether certificate, associate, or bachelors degree, will  
20 have clearly defined expectations of learners in terms of knowledge, skills,  
21 competencies and capacities for further learning. Certification of mastery,  
22 competency and demonstrated capacities for individual graduates to "customer"  
23 standards will be required, as opposed to outcomes measured solely by number  
24 of courses taken, "seat time," and grade point average. Students will be  
25 actively involved in the learning process, with curriculum designed around  
26 fewer lectures and more responsibility placed on the learner and groups of  
27 learners.  
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29       SECTION 5. University of Arkansas Community College is hereby  
30 authorized to experiment with and utilize employment models other than tenure  
31 to accommodate the development and delivery of curriculum, such as the  
32 employment of new faculty on a twelve-month, forty-hour week basis, with  
33 rewards for administrative staff and faculty based upon results.  
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35       SECTION 6. University of Arkansas Community College at Hope shall  
36 continue to be governed by the Board of Trustees utilizing the administrative

1 staff and support services of University of Arkansas Community College.

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3       SECTION 7. University of Arkansas Community Colleges participation in  
4 intercollegiate athletic programs shall continue to be limited to basketball,  
5 volleyball, and spring sports.

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7       SECTION 8. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
8 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
9 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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11       SECTION 9. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
12 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
13 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
14 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
15 act are declared to be severable.

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17       SECTION 10. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
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