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1 State of Arkansas
                                       A Bill
 2 81st General Assembly
                                                                    SENATE BILL
 3 Regular Session, 1997
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 5 By: Senator Todd
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 7
                              For An Act To Be Entitled
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           "AN ACT TO AMEND ARK. CODE ANN. 88 6-62-901 AND -906 TO
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          CONFORM ARKANSAS LAW PERTAINING TO THE ARKANSAS TUITION
          TRUST AUTHORITY WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS; AND FOR OTHER
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          PURPOSES."
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                     "TO CONFORM ARKANSAS LAW PERTAINING TO
                     THE ARKANSAS TUITION TRUST AUTHORITY
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                     WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS."
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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         SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated ^{6} 6-62-901(4) is amended to read as
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22 follows:
         "(4) Institution of higher education means a state institution of
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24 higher education, a proprietary institution of higher education, or an
25 accredited college or university, regardless of where it is located, that is
26 accredited by an accrediting organization or professional association
27 recognized by the authority;"
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         SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated 6 6-62-906(b)(3) is amended to read
30 as follows:
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          "(b)(3) Supplemental tuition credits may be used by the beneficiary for
32 the payment of charges for college room and board, textbooks, laboratory,
33 other educational fees not included in tuition or not otherwise covered by
34 tuition credits, and other similar educational expenses as defined by the
35 authority."
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- 2 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Annotated $^{\circ}$ 6-62-903(b) is amended to read as
- 3 follows:
- 4 "(b)(1) The Arkansas Tuition Trust Authority shall consist of thirteen
- 5 (13) members.
- 6 (A) Seven (7) members shall be appointed by the Governor
- 7 with the advice and consent of the Senate as follows:
- 8 (i) Two (2) shall represent state institutions of
- 9 higher education;
- 10 (ii) Two (2) shall represent private nonprofit
- 11 colleges and universities located in Arkansas; and
- 12 (iii) Three (3) shall have experience in the field of
- 13 banking, investment banking, marketing, insurance, or law.
- 14 (B) Three (3) members of the House of Representatives shall
- 15 be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and three (3)
- 16 members of the Senate shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
- 17 Senate.
- 18 (C) The Director of the Department of Higher Education or
- 19 the director's designee shall be an ex officio voting non-voting member.
- 20 (D) The Treasurer of State shall be an ex officio
- 21 non-voting member.
- 22 (2) Terms of office for gubernatorial appointees shall be for
- 23 four (4) years.
- 24 (3) Members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
- 25 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall serve two
- 26 (2) year terms, provided that legislative members may continue to serve on the
- 27 authority only if they remain members of the General Assembly.
- 28 (4) Any vacancy of the authority shall be filled in the same
- 29 manner as the original appointment, except that any person appointed to fill a
- 30 vacancy shall be appointed to the remainder of the unexpired term.
- 31 (5) Any member is eligible for reappointment."

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- 33 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
- 34 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
- 35 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
 2 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
 3 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
 4 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
 5 act are declared to be severable.
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         SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
 8 hereby repealed.
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