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A Bill

SENATE BILL 695

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "GROWTH POOL" OF
10 POSITIONS FOR THE TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
11 EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "AN ACT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
15 "GROWTH POOL" OF POSITIONS FOR THE TWO-
16 YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION."

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

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20 SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A "GROWTH POOL." The Arkansas Department of
21 Higher Education or its successor agency shall establish and maintain for the
22 1997-99 biennium a pool of seventy-five (75) nonclassified positions at a
23 salary level not to exceed \$60,000 per year. These positions are to be used
24 by the two-year institutions of higher education in the event that the
25 personal services needs of the two-year intitutions of higher education during
26 the 1997-99 biennium exceed the number of positions allocated to the two-year
27 institutions of higher education by the Legislature. The two-year
28 institutions of higher education shall provide justification to the Arkansas
29 Department of Higher Education or its successor agency for the need to
30 allocate titles from this "growth pool." No classifications will be assigned
31 to the pool until such time as specific positions are requested by the two-
32 year institutions of higher education, approved by the Institutions' Board or
33 their designee, and reviewed by the Legislative Council. Furthermore, the
34 Department of Finance and Administration's Office of Personnel Management
35 (OPM) shall establish and maintain for the 1997-99 biennium a pool of one
36 hundred (100) classified positions at up to a grade 26. These positions are

1 to be used by the two-year institutions of higher education in the event that
2 the personal services needs of the two-year institutions of higher education
3 during the 1997-99 biennium exceed the number of positions in a classification
4 allocated to the two-year institutions of higher education by the Legislature.
5 The two-year institutions of higher education shall provide justification to
6 OPM for the need to allocate titles from this "growth pool." No
7 classifications will be assigned to the pool until such time as specific
8 positions are requested by the two-year institutions of higher education,
9 recommended by OPM, and reviewed by the Legislative Council.

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11 SECTION 2. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent
12 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
13 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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15 SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the
16 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such
17 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which
18 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this
19 end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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21 SECTION 4. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict
22 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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24 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
25 Eighty First General Assembly, that the two-year institutions of higher
26 education have experienced tremendous enrollment growth and needs for
27 additional positions to meet the demands of the growth, and that the positions
28 authorized by this Act will provide the flexibility to meet the demands of the
29 growth. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
30 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
31 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1997.

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