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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2163

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT BOARDS FOR TWO-YEAR COLLEGES
10 HAVE THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO SET TUITION AND FEES;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

13 "AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT BOARDS FOR TWO-
14 YEAR COLLEGES HAVE THE STATUTORY
15 AUTHORITY TO SET TUITION AND FEES."
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-53-208 is repealed.

21 ~~6-53-208. Student tuition - Fees.~~

22 ~~(a) The intent of this chapter is to make technical and community~~
23 ~~college programs available to as many citizens of Arkansas as possible. To~~
24 ~~this end, tuition and fees should be maintained at a reasonable level so as~~
25 ~~not to exclude citizens because of cost.~~

26 ~~(b) The board shall determine the minimum student tuition and fees to be~~
27 ~~charged by institutions within the system. Students residing outside a~~
28 ~~community college district may be subject to extra tuition and fees.~~

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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 6-53-304 is amended to read as follows:

31 "6-53-304. Student tuition - Fees.

32 (a) The intent of this chapter is to make technical and community
33 college programs available to as many citizens of Arkansas as possible. To
34 this end, tuition and fees should be maintained at a reasonable level so as
35 not to exclude citizens because of cost.

36 (b) The local board shall determine the minimum student tuition and fees to

1 be charged by institutions within the system.

2 ~~(b)(c)~~ The local board shall set both in-district and out-of-district student
 3 tuition and fees for each institution within its service area. Students
 4 residing outside a community college district may be subject to extra tuition
 5 and fees."

7 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 6-61-523 is amended to read as follows:

8 "6-61-523. Student fees.

9 (a) Tuition. The intent of §§ 6-61-101 - 6-61-103, 6-61-201 - 6-61-209,
 10 6-61-211 - 6-61-216, 6-61-301 - 6-61-305, 6-61-306 [repealed], 6-61-401, 6-61-
 11 402, 6-61-501 - 6-61-524, 6-61-601 - 6-61-603, 6-61-604 - 6-61-612 [repealed]
 12 is to make community college programs available to as many citizens of
 13 Arkansas as possible. To this end, tuition and fees should be maintained at a
 14 reasonable level so as not to exclude citizens because of cost. ~~The State~~
 15 ~~Community College Board shall determine a minimum level of any tuition or~~
 16 ~~fees.~~ The local board shall ~~have the authority to determine any fees above~~
 17 ~~this minimum level.~~ the minimum student tuition and fees to be charged. The
 18 student fees or tuition authorized in §§ ~~6-61-101 - 6-61-103, 6-61-201 - 6-61-~~
 19 ~~209, 6-61-211 - 6-61-216, 6-61-301 - 6-61-305, 6-61-306 [repealed], 6-61-401,~~
 20 ~~6-61-402, 6-61-501 - 6-61-524, 6-61-601 - 6-61-603, 6-61-604 - 6-61-612~~
 21 ~~[repealed]~~ 6-61-215, 6-53-304. And ~~6-53-208~~ shall be used for educational
 22 purposes only.

23 (b) Activity Fees. To provide for a student activity program at the
 24 college, the local board may levy a student activity fee ~~not to exceed a level~~
 25 ~~approved by the State Community College Board.~~

26 (c) Out-of-District Tuition. Students who come from within the state
 27 but without the district may be charged a fee in addition to the fee charged
 28 students who are residents of the district as determined by the local board
 29 not to exceed the pro rata share of the per student cost annually paid for
 30 buildings and operations from local tax revenues. However, when one (1) or
 31 more residents of a county not in a community college district attend a
 32 community college, the county of residence of these students may, when funds
 33 are appropriated therefor by the quorum court of the county, pay the tuition
 34 of these students in excess of the tuition charged in-district students. Out-
 35 of-state students may be charged a fee in addition to the fee charged students
 36 who are residents of the district in the amount determined by the local board

1 ~~and approved by the State Community College Board.~~

2 (d) Special Fees. The local board of each community college may levy special
3 fees for special programs, short courses, seminars, or like activities at a
4 level to defray the cost of special activities."

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6 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
7 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
8 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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10 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
11 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
12 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
13 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
14 act are declared to be severable.

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16 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
17 hereby repealed.