State of Arkansas 1 A Bill 2 82nd General Assembly 3 Regular Session, 1999 SENATE BILL 461 4 5 By: Joint Budget Committee 6 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 8 "AN ACT TO AMEND UNCODIFIED ACT 1177 OF 1997 TO 9 ESTABLISH A 'GROWTH POOL' OF POSITIONS FOR THE TWO-10 YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER 11 12 PURPOSES" 13 Subtitle 14 "AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 1177 OF 1997 TO 15 16 CREATE A GROWTH POOL OF POSITIONS FOR TWO-YEAR COLLEGES." 17 18 19 20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 21 22 SECTION 1. Section 1 of Uncodified Act 1177 of 1997 is amended to read 23 as follows: "ESTABLISHMENT OF A "GROWTH POOL." The Arkansas Department of Higher 24 Education or its successor agency shall establish and maintain for the 1997-99 25 1999-2001 biennium a pool of seventy-five (75) one hundred (100) 26 nonclassified positions at a salary level not to exceed \$60,000 per year. 27 28 These positions are to be used by the two-year institutions of higher 29 education in the event that the personal services needs of the two-year institutions of higher education during the 1997-99 1999-2001 biennium exceed 30 31 the number of positions allocated to the two-year institutions of higher education by the Legislature. The two-year institutions of higher education 32 shall provide justification to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education or 33 its successor agency for the need to allocate titles from this "growth pool." 34 35 No classifications will be assigned to the pool until such time as specific positions are requested by the two-year institutions of higher education, 36

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- 1 approved by the Institutions' Board or their designee, and reviewed by the
- 2 Legislative Council. Furthermore, the Department of Finance and
- 3 Administration's Office of Personnel Management (OPM) shall establish and
- 4 maintain for the $\frac{1997-99}{1999-2001}$ biennium a pool of one hundred (100)
- 5 classified positions at up to a grade 26. These positions are to be used by
- 6 the two-year institutions of higher education in the event that the personal
- 7 services needs of the two-year institutions of higher education during the
- $8 \quad \frac{1997-99}{1999-2001}$ biennium exceed the number of positions in a classification
- 9 allocated to the two-year institutions of higher education by the Legislature.
- 10 The two-year institutions of higher education shall provide justification to
- 11 OPM for the need to allocate titles from this "growth pool." No
- 12 classifications will be assigned to the pool until such time as specific
- 13 positions are requested by the two-year institutions of higher education,
- 14 recommended by OPM, and reviewed by the Legislative Council."

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

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

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SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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Eighty-second General Assembly that Act 1177 of 1997 expires on June 30, 1999; that the 2-year colleges are still growing at an unprecedented rate and if the act is not continued the colleges will be unable to serve their students properly. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on July 1, 1999.

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