

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 83rd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2001
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As Engrossed: H2/16/01 H3/30/01

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1419

5 By: Representative Prater
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE ARKANSAS VALLEY*
10 *TECHNICAL INSTITUTE MAY AWARD DEGREES RECOGNIZED*
11 *BY C. O. E. WITH THE APPROPRIATE DEGREE TITLE; AND*
12 *FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

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16 *TECHNICAL INSTITUTE MAY AWARD DEGREES*
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18 *DEGREE TITLE.*

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

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23 SECTION 1. (a) The Arkansas Valley Technical Institute may award
24 degrees recognized by the council provided that the programs require at least
25 sixty (60) semester hours with a minimum of fifteen (15) semester hours of
26 general education courses including one (1) course in each of the following
27 areas:

28 (1) Humanities;

29 (2) Behavioral sciences;

30 (3) Natural or applied sciences;

31 (4) Mathematics; and

32 (5) Communications, technical writing, or college English.

33 (b) The degrees shall contain the appropriate applied degree title,
34 such as:

35 (1) Associate of Occupational Studies; and

36 (2) Associate of Occupational Technology.

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SECTION 2. (a) The State Board of Workforce and Career Opportunities shall have oversight and approval authority of requested associate degree programs. The Arkansas Valley Technical Institute shall submit an application to the State Board of Workforce and Career Opportunities for approval to award the designated applied degree offering.

(b) Evidence of appropriate resources shall be provided including facilities, adequate and appropriate equipment, and adequate funds appropriated to support the program.

(c) Evidence of local need for the program shall be documented.

(d) Evidence of non-duplication of another existing program in the immediate area shall be documented.

/s/ Prater