

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 84th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2003

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2844

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5 By: Representative White  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE TWO-YEAR COLLEGE AND  
10 TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDY COMMITTEE; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO CREATE THE TWO-YEAR COLLEGE  
15 AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDY COMMITTEE.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. (a)(1) There is established a legislative committee to be  
21 known as the "Two-Year College And Technical Institute Study Committee".

22 (b) The committee shall consist of thirteen (13) members as follows:

23 (1) The Director of the Department of Higher Education, or his  
24 or her designee;

25 (2) The Director of the Department of Workforce Education, or  
26 his or her designee;

27 (3) Three (3) persons appointed by the Governor with one (1)  
28 selected from each list of no less than five (5) names submitted by the  
29 following:

30 (A) Economic Developers Association;

31 (B) Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and

32 (C) Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges;

33 (4)(A) Three (3) persons appointed the President Pro Tempore of  
34 the Senate with one (1) selected from each list of no less than five (5)  
35 names submitted by the following:

36 (i) Arkansas Department of Economic Development;



1                   (ii) The Executive Council of the Arkansas Higher  
 2 Education Coordinating Board; and

3                   (iii) Arkansas Association of Educational  
 4 Administrators; and

5                   (B) One (1) persons appointed the President Pro Tempore of  
 6 the Senate from the Senate Committee on Education; and

7                   (5)(A) Three (3) persons appointed by the Speaker of the House  
 8 of Representatives with one (1) selected from each list of no less than five  
 9 (5) names submitted by the following:

10                   (1) Arkansas Chamber of Commerce;

11                   (2) Teamwork Arkansas; and

12                   (3) Farm Bureau; and

13                   (B) One (1) persons appointed the Speaker of the House of  
 14 Representatives from the House Committee on Education.

15                   (c) Any list required under this act shall be submitted within twenty  
 16 (20) days of the effective date of this act for initial appointments or  
 17 within thirty (30) days following a vacancy.

18                   (d) The appointed committee members shall be:

19                   (1) Individuals who own, operate, or have special knowledge  
 20 regarding the workforce training needs of Arkansas business and industry; and

21                   (2) Residents of the State of Arkansas at the time of  
 22 appointment and throughout his or her term.

23                   (e)(1) If a vacancy occurs in an appointed position, for any reason,  
 24 the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

25                   (2) The new appointee shall serve for the remainder of the  
 26 unexpired term.

27                   (f) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall name one of his  
 28 or her appointees to serve as chairperson to call and chair the first  
 29 organizational meeting of the committee until the membership elects a  
 30 chairperson from among themselves.

31                   (g)(1) The committee shall meet at times and places the chairperson  
 32 deems necessary, but no meetings shall be held outside of the State of  
 33 Arkansas.

34                   (2) A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a  
 35 quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

36                   (3) All action of the committee shall be by a majority vote of

1 the full membership of the committee.

2 (h)(1) The committee shall:

3 (1) Define the mission, role, and scope of technical institutes  
 4 and two-year colleges in the state; and

5 (2) Determine a method of structuring the technical institutes  
 6 and two-year colleges in the state to ensure that Arkansas' business and  
 7 industry workforce needs are being meet;

8 (3) Develop a set of proposal that would provide full  
 9 utilization of the technical institutes and two-year colleges in shaping the  
 10 future in Arkansas, a model for funding technical institutes and two-year  
 11 colleges, a recommendation for the service areas of technical institutes and  
 12 two-year colleges and identify sources of revenue to implement proposals;

13 (4) Submit a report of its findings an recommendations to the  
 14 House Interim Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on  
 15 Education no later than September 1, 2002.

16 (i)(1) The Department of Higher Education shall provide staff to the  
 17 committee.

18 (2)(A) Members of the committee shall serve without pay.

19 (B) Non-legislative members of the committee may receive  
 20 expense reimbursement in accordance with Arkansas Code § 25-16-902, to be  
 21 paid by the Department of Higher Education to the extent money is available.

22 (C) Legislative members of the committee shall receive per  
 23 diem as allowed by Legislative Council for attendance at interim committees.

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 25 SECTION 2. This act shall expire on March 30, 2005.

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 27 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
 28 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that mission. role and scope of  
 29 technical institutes and two-year colleges in the state are rapidly being  
 30 lost by the various mergers and acquisitions; that vital sources of training  
 31 for industry is being affected during 2003; and that this act is immediately  
 32 necessary because the states training of its workforce is vital to the  
 33 stability of the state. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this  
 34 act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace,  
 35 health, and safety shall become effective on:

36 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

1                   (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
2 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
3 bill; or

4                   (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
5 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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