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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1750

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE  
10 CONCERNING GOVERNING BOARDS OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES;  
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE  
16 CONCERNING GOVERNING BOARDS OF COMMUNITY  
17 COLLEGES.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-53-103(7), concerning the definition of  
23 "local board", is amended to read as follows:

24 (7)(A) "Local board" means the governing body of a technical  
25 college or community college.

26 (B) A local board for a community college may be the board  
27 of trustees of a four-year institution of higher education or the board of  
28 trustees of a university system in the case of a merger under § 6-61-520(e);  
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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-61-501(4), concerning the definition of  
31 "local board", is amended to read as follows:

32 (4)(A) "Local board" means the governing body of a community  
33 college established pursuant to the provisions of §§ 6-61-101 – 6-61-103, 6-  
34 61-201 – 6-61-209, 6-61-211 [repealed], 6-61-212 – 6-61-216, 6-61-301 – 6-61-  
35 305, 6-61-306 [repealed], 6-61-401, 6-61-402, 6-61-501 – 6-61-524, 6-61-601 –  
36 6-61-603 and 6-61-604 – 6-61-612 [repealed].



1                   (B) A local board for a community college may be the board  
2 of trustees of a four-year institution of higher education or the board of  
3 trustees of a university system in the case of a merger under § 6-61-520(e);  
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5           SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-61-520, concerning the establishment of  
6 local boards, is amended to add additional subsections to read as follows:

7           (e)(1) After a merger between a community college and a four-year  
8 institution of higher education or a university system, control of the  
9 community college may be vested in the board of trustees of the four-year  
10 institution of higher education or the board of trustees of the university  
11 system.

12           (2) If the control of the community college is vested in the  
13 board of trustees of a four-year institution of higher education or the board  
14 of trustees of a university system, the board of trustees shall perform the  
15 functions, duties, and responsibilities of the former governing body of the  
16 community college and the provision of subsections (a)-(d) of this section  
17 and § 6-61-529 do not apply.

18           (f)(1) After a merger under subsection (e) of this section, the former  
19 governing body of the community college may become a board of visitors  
20 performing such functions as determined by the board of visitors and the  
21 board of trustees of the four-year institution of higher education or the  
22 board of trustees of the university system.

23           (2) The membership of the board of visitors, including the  
24 number of members, term of membership, and method of appointment of members  
25 shall be decided by the board of trustees of the four-year institution of  
26 higher education or the board of trustees of the university system.  
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28           SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-61-521(4)-(6), concerning powers and  
29 duties of local boards, are amended to read as follows:

30           (4) To appoint and fix the compensation and the term of office of  
31 a president or chancellor of the community college, ~~who shall be the~~  
32 ~~executive officer for the local board and for the community college;~~

33           (5) To appoint, upon the nomination of the president or  
34 chancellor, members of the administrative and teaching staffs and to fix  
35 their compensation and terms of employment;

36           (6) Upon the recommendation of the president or chancellor, to

1 appoint or employ such other officers, agents, and employees of the community  
2 college as may be required to carry out the provisions of §§ 6-61-101 – 6-61-  
3 103, 6-61-201 – 6-61-209, 6-61-212 – 6-61-216, 6-61-301 – 6-61-305, 6-61-401,  
4 6-61-402, 6-61-501 – 6-61-524, and 6-61-601 – 6-61-603 and to fix and  
5 determine their qualifications, duties, compensation, and terms and  
6 conditions of employment;

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