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2 90th General Assembly  
3 Fiscal Session, 2016  
4

*As Engrossed: S4/26/16*  
**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 86

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER  
10 EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017;  
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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14 **Subtitle**

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER  
16 EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2016-2017  
17 FISCAL YEAR.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
23 established for the Department of Higher Education for the 2016-2017 fiscal  
24 year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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| Item No. | Class Code | Title                              | Maximum No. of Employees | Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2016-2017 |
|----------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 30       | (1) U024U  | DHE DIRECTOR                       | 1                        | \$203,323  |
| 31       | (2) U089U  | DHE DEPUTY DIRECTOR                | 1                        | \$146,295  |
| 32       | (3) N002N  | DHE SENIOR ASSOC DIRECTOR          | 2                        | GRADE N913                                       |
| 33       | (4) N041N  | DHE ASSOC DIR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS | 1                        | GRADE N909                                       |
| 34       | (5) N055N  | DHE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR             | 2                        | GRADE N908                                       |
| 35       | (6) N054N  | DHE CAREER PATHWAYS DIRECTOR       | 1                        | GRADE N908                                       |
| 36       | (7) A010C  | AGENCY CONTROLLER II               | 1                        | GRADE C128                                       |



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|----|------|-------|-------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| 1  | (8)  | D007C | INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER         | 1        | GRADE C128 |
| 2  | (9)  | G019C | GENERAL COUNSEL                     | 1        | GRADE C127 |
| 3  | (10) | G043C | DHE FINANCIAL AID MANAGER           | 1        | GRADE C126 |
| 4  | (11) | D016C | SENIOR TECHNOLOGY ANALYST           | 1        | GRADE C126 |
| 5  | (12) | G058C | DHE FEDERAL PROGRAM MANAGER         | 2        | GRADE C125 |
| 6  | (13) | G071C | DHE PROGRAM COORDINATOR             | 7        | GRADE C124 |
| 7  | (14) | D028C | SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT SPECIALIST  | 2        | GRADE C124 |
| 8  | (15) | P005C | DHE COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR      | 1        | GRADE C123 |
| 9  | (16) | G102C | DHE PROGRAM SPECIALIST              | 21       | GRADE C122 |
| 10 | (17) | A052C | ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR              | 1        | GRADE C121 |
| 11 | (18) | C010C | EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR | 1        | GRADE C118 |
| 12 | (19) | A089C | ACCOUNTANT I                        | <u>1</u> | GRADE C116 |
| 13 |      |       | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES               | 49       |            |

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15 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 16 authorized, for the Department of Higher Education for the 2016-2017 fiscal  
 17 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be  
 18 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such  
 19 purposes: seventeen (17) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at  
 20 rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and  
 21 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate  
 22 classification.

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24 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 25 appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the  
 26 Department of Higher Education Fund Account, for personal services and  
 27 operating expenses of the Department of Higher Education for the fiscal year  
 28 ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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| 30 | ITEM                            | FISCAL YEAR      |
|----|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 31 | <u>NO.</u>                      | <u>2016-2017</u> |
| 32 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES           | \$2,430,874      |
| 33 | (02) EXTRA HELP                 | 3,000            |
| 34 | (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 730,466          |
| 35 | (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION    |                  |
| 36 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE               | 912,755          |

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|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL        | 25,000                    |
| 2 | (C) PROF. FEES            | 160,000                   |
| 3 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY           | 50,000                    |
| 4 | (E) DATA PROC.            | <u>0</u>                  |
| 5 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$4,312,095</u></u> |

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7 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS AND VARIOUS

8 SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher

9 Education, to be payable from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for

10 providing student assistance grants and various scholarships as provided by

11 law, of the Department of Higher Education for the fiscal year ending June

12 30, 2017, the following:

| 14 | ITEM                                      | FISCAL YEAR      |
|----|---|------------------|
| 15 | <u>NO.</u>                                | <u>2016-2017</u> |
| 16 | (01) HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES GRANT | \$6,000,000      |
| 17 | (02) SREB MINORITY DOCTORAL SCHOLARS      | 175,000          |
| 18 | (03) WASHINGTON CENTER SCHOLARSHIPS       | 100,000          |
| 19 | (04) TUITION ADJUSTMENT                   | 350,000          |
| 20 | (05) AR ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS   | 25,000,000       |
| 21 | (06) ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS         | 15,200,000       |
| 22 | (07) STUDENT UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH       |                  |
| 23 | FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (SURF)                 | 150,000          |
| 24 | (08) NATIONAL GUARD TUITION INCENTIVE     |                  |
| 25 | PROGRAM                                   | 1,400,000        |
| 26 | (09) SINGLE PARENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM    | 175,000          |
| 27 | (10) STATE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM      | 2,000,000        |
| 28 | (11) TEACHER OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM          | 1,500,000        |
| 29 | (12) WORKFORCE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS         | 3,000,000        |
| 30 | (13) AR GEOGRAPHICAL CRITICAL NEEDS       |                  |
| 31 | MINORITY TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS             | 150,000          |
| 32 | (14) DEPENDENTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT        |                  |
| 33 | OFFICERS, ETC. SCHOLARSHIPS               | 400,000          |
| 34 | (15) DEPENDENTS OF POWS, MIAS,            |                  |
| 35 | KIAS-TUITION WAIVER                       |                  |
| 36 | SCHOLARSHIPS                              | <u>450,000</u>   |

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$56,050,000

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3 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATE SCHOLARSHIP - FEDERAL. There is  
 4 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable  
 5 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
 6 State, for grants-in-aid of the Department of Higher Education - State  
 7 Scholarship - Federal Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the  
 8 following:

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| 10 ITEM                     | FISCAL YEAR      |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 11 <u>NO.</u>               | <u>2016-2017</u> |
| 12 (01) GRANTS IN AID-STATE |                  |
| 13 SCHOLARSHIPS-FEDERAL     | <u>\$750,000</u> |

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15 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - TECHNICAL EDUCATION - FEDERAL PROGRAMS.  
 16 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be  
 17 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
 18 the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of  
 19 Higher Education - Technical Education - Federal Programs for the fiscal year  
 20 ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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| 22 ITEM                            | FISCAL YEAR      |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| 23 <u>NO.</u>                      | <u>2016-2017</u> |
| 24 (01) REGULAR SALARIES           | \$140,309        |
| 25 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 41,608           |
| 26 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION    |                  |
| 27 (A) OPER. EXPENSE               | 77,251           |
| 28 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL              | 15,200           |
| 29 (C) PROF. FEES                  | 110,500          |
| 30 (D) CAP. OUTLAY                 | 0                |
| 31 (E) DATA PROC.                  | <u>0</u>         |
| 32 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED       | <u>\$384,868</u> |

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34 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY. There is hereby  
 35 appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the  
 36 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

1 operating expenses and grants-in-aid of the Department of Higher Education -  
2 Improving Teacher Quality Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017,  
3 the following:

| ITEM                                      | FISCAL YEAR             |
|---|-------------------------|
| <u>NO.</u>                                | <u>2016-2017</u>        |
| (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION              |                         |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE                         | \$2,500                 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL                        | 0                       |
| (C) PROF. FEES                            | 0                       |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY                           | 0                       |
| (E) DATA PROC.                            | 0                       |
| (02) IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY GRANTS/AID | <u>713,000</u>          |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED                 | <u><u>\$715,500</u></u> |

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16 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. There is  
17 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable  
18 from the Higher Education Research Development Fund, for providing Arkansas  
19 Research Development Program Grants to Institutions of Higher Education by  
20 the Department of Higher Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017,  
21 the following:

| ITEM                                  | FISCAL YEAR               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>NO.</u>                            | <u>2016-2017</u>          |
| (01) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM |                           |
| GRANTS                                | <u><u>\$5,000,000</u></u> |

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28 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS AND LOANS. There is  
29 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable  
30 from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for payments of the contracts  
31 and loans with participating out-of-state institutions of higher learning in  
32 the fields of dentistry, optometry, osteopathy, veterinary medicine,  
33 chiropractic, and podiatry for the education of Arkansas citizens, by the  
34 Department of Higher Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the  
35 following:

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| 1  | ITEM                                  | FISCAL YEAR               |
|----|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2  | <u>NO.</u>                            | <u>2016-2017</u>          |
| 3  | (01) CHIROPRACTIC AID                 | \$260,000                 |
| 4  | (02) DENTAL AID - GRANTS              | 2,133,900                 |
| 5  | (03) OPTOMETRY AID - GRANTS           | 410,000                   |
| 6  | (04) OSTEOPATHY AID                   | 230,000                   |
| 7  | (05) PODIATRY AID                     | 130,400                   |
| 8  | (06) VETERINARY AID                   | 1,100,000                 |
| 9  | (07) DENTAL AID - LOANS               | 987,370                   |
| 10 | (08) OPTOMETRY AID - LOANS            | 140,000                   |
| 11 | (09) VETERINARY MED. LOAN FORGIVENESS |                           |
| 12 | PROGRAM                               | <u>250,000</u>            |
| 13 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED             | <u><u>\$5,641,670</u></u> |

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15 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
 16 Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in  
 17 the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,  
 18 for operating expenses of the Department of Higher Education for the fiscal  
 19 year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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| 21 | ITEM                         | FISCAL YEAR               |
|----|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 22 | <u>NO.</u>                   | <u>2016-2017</u>          |
| 23 | (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION |                           |
| 24 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE            | \$878,070                 |
| 25 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL           | 60,620                    |
| 26 | (C) PROF. FEES               | 551,310                   |
| 27 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY              | 100,000                   |
| 28 | (E) DATA PROC.               | 0                         |
| 29 | (02) SCHOLARSHIPS            | 100,000                   |
| 30 | (03) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS  | <u>5,000</u>              |
| 31 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED    | <u><u>\$1,695,000</u></u> |

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33 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - TANF PROGRAM - FEDERAL. There is hereby  
 34 appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the  
 35 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 36 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Higher

1 Education - TANF Program - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017,  
2 the following:

| 3  |   |                           |
|----|---|---------------------------|
| 4  | ITEM                                      | FISCAL YEAR               |
| 5  | <u>NO.</u>                                | <u>2016-2017</u>          |
| 6  | (01) REGULAR SALARIES                     | \$220,337                 |
| 7  | (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING           | 64,630                    |
| 8  | (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION              |                           |
| 9  | (A) OPER. EXPENSE                         | 56,698                    |
| 10 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL                        | 0                         |
| 11 | (C) PROF. FEES                            | 14,784                    |
| 12 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY                           | 0                         |
| 13 | (E) DATA PROC.                            | 0                         |
| 14 | (04) SELF SUFFICIENCY/JOB TRAINING GRANTS | <u>6,793,551</u>          |
| 15 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED                 | <u><u>\$7,150,000</u></u> |

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17 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - COLLEGE ACCESS CHALLENGE GRANT. There is  
18 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable  
19 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
20 State, for operating expenses of the Department of Higher Education - College  
21 Access Challenge Grant Program - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
22 2017, the following:

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| 24 | ITEM                         | FISCAL YEAR               |
|----|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 25 | <u>NO.</u>                   | <u>2016-2017</u>          |
| 26 | (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION |                           |
| 27 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE            | \$1,215,000               |
| 28 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL           | 14,000                    |
| 29 | (C) PROF. FEES               | 741,000                   |
| 30 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY              | 30,000                    |
| 31 | (E) DATA PROC.               | <u>0</u>                  |
| 32 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED    | <u><u>\$2,000,000</u></u> |

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34 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - WEB BASED APPLICATIONS. There is hereby  
35 appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the  
36 Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for personal services and operating

1 expenses associated with web based applications of the Department of Higher  
2 Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

| 4 ITEM                                 | FISCAL YEAR        |
|--|--------------------|
| 5 NO.                                  | 2016-2017          |
| 6 (01) WEB BASED APPLICATIONS PERSONAL |                    |
| 7 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES      | <u>\$1,000,000</u> |

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9 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION. There is  
10 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable  
11 from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for personal services and  
12 operating expenses of the Department of Higher Education - Scholarship  
13 Administration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

| 15 ITEM                            | FISCAL YEAR      |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| 16 NO.                             | 2016-2017        |
| 17 (01) REGULAR SALARIES           | \$330,320        |
| 18 (02) EXTRA HELP                 | 30,000           |
| 19 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 106,776          |
| 20 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION    |                  |
| 21 (A) OPER. EXPENSE               | 130,000          |
| 22 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL              | 0                |
| 23 (C) PROF. FEES                  | 250,000          |
| 24 (D) CAP. OUTLAY                 | 35,000           |
| 25 (E) DATA PROC.                  | <u>0</u>         |
| 26 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED       | <u>\$882,096</u> |

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28 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - COMPLETE COLLEGE AMERICA GRANT PROGRAM.  
29 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be  
30 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by  
31 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the  
32 Department of Higher Education - Complete College America Grant Program for  
33 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

| 35 ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|---------|-------------|
| 36 NO.  | 2016-2017   |



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|---|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION |                         |
| 2 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE            | \$100,000               |
| 3 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL           | 0                       |
| 4 | (C) PROF. FEES               | 0                       |
| 5 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY              | 0                       |
| 6 | (E) DATA PROC.               | <u>0</u>                |
| 7 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED    | <u><u>\$100,000</u></u> |

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9 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - OUTCOME CENTERED FUNDING AWARDS. There is  
 10 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable  
 11 from the Department of Higher Education Fund Account, for distribution of  
 12 Outcome-Centered Funding Awards to Institutions of Higher Education by the  
 13 Department of Higher Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the  
 14 following:

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| 16 | ITEM                                       | FISCAL YEAR                |
|----|--|----------------------------|
| 17 | <u>NO.</u>                                 | <u>2016-2017</u>           |
| 18 | (01) OUTCOME-CENTERED AWARDS- UNIVERSITIES | \$40,320,284               |
| 19 | (02) OUTCOME-CENTERED AWARDS - COLLEGES    | <u>14,192,418</u>          |
| 20 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED                  | <u><u>\$54,512,702</u></u> |

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22 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ACT OF 2015. There is  
 23 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable  
 24 from the Workforce Initiative Act of 2015 Fund, for workforce education  
 25 grants, administrative, and operating expenses of the Department of Higher  
 26 Education - Workforce Initiative Act of 2015 for the fiscal year ending June  
 27 30, 2017, the following:

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| 29 | ITEM                                  | FISCAL YEAR               |
|----|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 30 | <u>NO.</u>                            | <u>2016-2017</u>          |
| 31 | (01) WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ACT OF 2015 |                           |
| 32 | EXPENSES                              | <u><u>\$2,000,000</u></u> |

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34 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EMERGENCY  
 36 GRANTS & EXTRA HELP POOL. An Institution of higher education that suffers an

1 emergency/disaster event resulting in all or a significant portion of campus  
2 operations being interrupted, may request disaster assistance through the  
3 Arkansas Department of Higher Education. Upon the declaration of an  
4 emergency by the Governor, the institution may request, subject to the  
5 recommendation of the Director of the Department of Higher Education and  
6 approval of the Governor, a grant from the Disaster Relief Fund to assist in  
7 returning that campus to operation and/or to a sister campus providing  
8 services to the students from the affected campus. Certified law enforcement  
9 officers employed by an institution of higher education may be granted  
10 jurisdiction at the sister institution, upon agreement of both institutions.  
11 The Department of Higher Education is authorized a pool of 500 extra help  
12 positions for use in such emergency situations. These positions may be  
13 assigned to the campus suffering the disaster event or to a sister campus  
14 providing services to the students from the affected campus. The Governor  
15 may waive the 1,500 hour limit of ACA 6-63-314 on these assigned extra help  
16 pool positions.

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2015  
18 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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20 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
22 REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. Upon  
23 determination by the president or chancellor of an institution of higher  
24 education that a reallocation of resources for purposes of reorganization or  
25 consolidation of administrative functions within the institution is necessary  
26 for efficient and effective operations of the institution, the president or  
27 chancellor, with approval of the institution's board of trustees, may have  
28 the authority to transfer positions, appropriations and related funds between  
29 campuses, divisions, branches, and other budgetary units of the institution,  
30 after receiving prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
31 Committee. The transfers of positions, programs, or activities shall be used  
32 for those purposes for which the appropriations were approved by the General  
33 Assembly. The transfers, consolidations, or reorganizations which involve  
34 academic programs shall be reviewed by the Department of Higher Education  
35 prior to submission to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.  
36 Provided, however, that the institution shall be limited to submitting no

1 more than two (2) individual transaction transfer requests during any fiscal  
2 year and shall be further limited to no more than five percent (5%) of the  
3 total General Revenue and Special Revenue appropriation, funding, positions  
4 specific to each institution, and no Tobacco Settlement funds or  
5 appropriations may be reallocated pursuant to this section.

6 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of  
7 appropriation and general revenue funding for institutions of higher  
8 education each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This  
9 is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation  
10 act(s) for institutions of higher education and the general revenue  
11 allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the  
12 Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that  
13 institutions of higher education may operate more efficiently if some  
14 flexibility is provided to institutions of higher education authorizing broad  
15 powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate  
16 that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of  
17 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this  
18 section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint  
19 Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement  
20 of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled  
21 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is  
22 void.

23 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~  
24 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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26 SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. LOANS. In  
28 order to provide timely payments under financial aid appropriations made in  
29 this Act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State is authorized to provide  
30 loans from the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund to make available all funds  
31 attributable to the financial aid programs under the then current official  
32 revenue estimates. In the event of an unanticipated state revenue shortfall,  
33 any such loans remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall be repaid from  
34 revenues distributed in the first two months of the next fiscal year. Funds  
35 for appropriations made in this Act for purposes other than financial aid  
36 shall not be affected by the application of this provision.

1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~  
2 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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4 SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. WORK  
6 FORCE 2000 DEVELOPMENT FUND PROCEDURES. After the amounts to be made  
7 available to the various technical colleges have been determined as set out  
8 in Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(A) and 26-51-205(d)(2)(B), such documents as  
9 may be necessary shall be processed so that funds may be transferred from the  
10 Work Force 2000 Development Fund to the State Treasury fund or fund account  
11 from which the technical college draws its general revenue support. Such  
12 funds as may be transferred shall not exceed 93.691% of the total funds  
13 available from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund during the fiscal year.  
14 In the event that a technical institute or comprehensive lifelong learning  
15 center which receives support from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund as  
16 determined by law transfers or merges into the Arkansas Technical College and  
17 Community College System for which Work Force 2000 Development Fund monies  
18 are determined by law, then the actual amount of support from the Work Force  
19 2000 Development Fund in the preceding fiscal year for such educational  
20 institution shall be made available irrespective of any other provision of  
21 law which sets out maximum levels of support from such fund.

22 The funds distributed under Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(C) in excess of  
23 those amounts collected and distributed prior to June 30, 2014 shall be  
24 deposited into the Skills Development Fund to be used only for personal  
25 services, grants, operation, support, and improvement of occupational,  
26 vocational, technical, and workforce development programs by the Department  
27 of Career Education - Office of Skills Development. The distributions of  
28 funds under Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(C) in excess of those amounts  
29 collected and distributed prior to June 30, 2014 shall not apply to proceeds  
30 allocated to schools, colleges and educational institutions under Arkansas  
31 Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(A) and 26-51-205(d)(2)(B).

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~  
33 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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35 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. BUILDING

1 MAINTENANCE FUND. After the sum of \$13,200,000 has been deposited into the  
2 Higher Education Building Maintenance Fund, any additional deposits are to be  
3 transferred to the Research Development Fund there to be used as provided by  
4 law.

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~  
6 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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8 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REFUND TO  
10 EXPENDITURES. Proceeds derived from the repayment of loans, grants, or  
11 scholarships funded by the Higher Education Grants Fund Account shall be  
12 deposited into the State Treasury fund from which it originated.

13 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~  
14 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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16 SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. NATIONAL  
18 GUARD TUITION INCENTIVE PROGRAM. In addition to any other provisions of law,  
19 any student who receives assistance from the appropriation made for the  
20 "National Guard Tuition Incentive Program" in this Act shall repay any loans  
21 and/or assistance if the student receives a discharge that is a less than  
22 Honorable Discharge. Priority for funding shall be given to students already  
23 receiving assistance from the National Guard Tuition Incentive Program.

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~  
25 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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27 SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
28 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. HEALTH  
29 EDUCATION GRANTS AND LOANS - PRIORITIES. The Arkansas Higher Education  
30 Coordinating Board, after consulting with the recognized associations of each  
31 of the applicable medical professions and other interested persons, shall  
32 determine the priorities for the applicable programs enumerated in the  
33 appropriation made for "Health Education Grants and Loans" in this Act. The  
34 Arkansas Department of Higher Education, if necessary, shall re-adjust the  
35 number of positions for entering students to be funded for each applicable  
36 program based upon the priorities determined by the board.

1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~  
2 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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4 SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FINANCIAL  
6 AID PROGRAMS REPORTING. The Arkansas Department of Higher Education shall  
7 report by May 30 to the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education the  
8 budgeted allocation for each financial aid program funded through the Higher  
9 Education Grants Fund Account for the upcoming fiscal year and projections  
10 for the following year.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~  
12 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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14 SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
16 AUDIT/REVIEW OF STATE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS. Any post-secondary institution that  
17 receives state scholarship funds administered by the Arkansas Department of  
18 Higher Education shall be subject to audit/review of such funds by the  
19 Division of Legislative Audit, upon approval of the Legislative Joint Audit  
20 Committee.

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~  
22 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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24 SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. AUDIT  
26 DATA. All post-secondary institutions shall provide to the Arkansas  
27 Department of Higher Education a copy of the Integrated Post-Secondary  
28 Education Data System (IPEDS) data within three weeks following the IPEDS due  
29 date, which shall be subject to audit by the Arkansas Department of Higher  
30 Education.

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~  
32 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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34 SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING  
36 FOR SALARY INCREASES. New funding through the Revenue Stabilization Act

1 determined by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to have been for  
2 salary increases for the fiscal year for Institutions of Higher Education  
3 shall be used exclusively for salary increases. New funding actually received  
4 for salary increases shall be spent exclusively for salary increases based  
5 upon the state general revenue portion of total unrestricted educational and  
6 general revenue. Funding received under this provision shall be used for no  
7 purpose other than to provide such salary increases. Any designated funds not  
8 used for salary increases shall be recouped at the end of each fiscal year  
9 and transferred to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund.

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~  
11 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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13 SECTION 30. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DHE  
15 PROGRAM COORDINATOR FUNDING. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall  
16 transfer sufficient funding for the fiscal year from the Higher Education  
17 Grants Fund Account to the Department of Higher Education Fund Account in  
18 order to finance the personal services costs of a DHE Program Coordinator.

19 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~  
20 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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22 SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
24 PROVISION. Upon certification by the Director of the Department of Higher  
25 Education that transfers are needed to make maximum utilization of funds and  
26 appropriations provided for financial aid programs, and with the approval of  
27 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and a review by the Arkansas  
28 Legislative Council, funds and appropriations may be transferred between  
29 financial aid programs to more adequately align the appropriation with the  
30 number of eligible students.

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~  
32 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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34 SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
36 OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS - HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS AND

1 LOANS. Upon certification to and with the approval of the Chief Fiscal  
2 Officer of the State, surplus funds and appropriations may be transferred  
3 between the appropriations provided for "Health Education Grants and Loans"  
4 by this Act by the General Assembly for Dental Aid Grants and Loans,  
5 Optometry Aid, Veterinary Aid, Podiatry Aid, Chiropractic Aid and Osteopathy  
6 Aid.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~  
8 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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10 SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

12 CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATIONS - TRANSFERS AND REPORTS. (a) Upon approval by  
13 the Department of Higher Education and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,  
14 institutions of higher education may transfer appropriation from the cash  
15 contingency appropriation to any other appropriation made to the institution  
16 from cash funds including the establishment of commitment items, and may  
17 transfer appropriation from the contingency appropriation made payable from  
18 each institution's State Treasury Fund to the state operations appropriation  
19 made payable from each institution's State Treasury Fund including the  
20 establishment of commitment items, and may transfer appropriation from the  
21 contingency appropriation made payable from the Tobacco Settlement Program  
22 Fund Accounts to any other appropriation made to the institution from Tobacco  
23 Settlement Program Fund Accounts including the establishment of commitment  
24 items.

25 (b) Contingency appropriation transfers shall only establish and  
26 supplement commitment items that were recommended by the Higher Education  
27 Coordinating Board in the budget manuals presented to the Legislative Council  
28 and Joint Budget Committee.

29 (c) The Department of Higher Education shall report contingency  
30 appropriation transfers and the establishment of any commitment items  
31 authorized by this Section to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
32 Committee for review during its July meeting. The report shall include, by  
33 institution, the establishment of, and the amounts transferred to, each  
34 commitment item, the reasons therefor and the source of funds. Institutions  
35 shall submit contingency appropriation transfer and commitment item  
36 establishment requests authorized by this Section to the Department of Higher



1 Education no later than July 1. Upon the failure of an institution to submit  
2 the required information by the July 1 deadline, the Department of Higher  
3 Education shall immediately notify by written notification the chairpersons  
4 of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~  
6 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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8 SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. STUDENT  
10 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (SURF) PROGRAM. The focus of the Student  
11 Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program is the continued development  
12 of undergraduate academic research efforts at Arkansas colleges and  
13 universities. The Arkansas Department of Higher Education shall adopt rules  
14 and regulations necessary for the proper administration of the Student  
15 Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program. Administrative functions and  
16 responsibilities may include, but not necessarily be limited to, the  
17 development of eligibility criteria, collection of applications, coordination  
18 of student evaluations, distribution of public notices, and funding of grants  
19 for academic research purposes. Staff of the Arkansas Department of Higher  
20 Education shall administer this program. The Arkansas Department of Higher  
21 Education shall be authorized to expense costs associated with the  
22 administration of the program, from funds made payable from the Higher  
23 Education Grants Fund Account for the Student Undergraduate Research  
24 Fellowship Program as authorized in Section 4 of this Act.

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~  
26 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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28 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
30 COOPERATION AGREEMENTS. Any institution of Higher Education that has its main  
31 campus, satellite campus, or center located within a twenty five mile radius  
32 of any other main campus of an institution of higher education shall enter  
33 into a written agreement with that institution which must address duplication  
34 of services between the institutions.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~  
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SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COST ALLOCATION. The Department of Higher Education may refund to the Higher Education Fund Account or the Higher Education Grants Fund Account such amounts determined by the Department to be reimbursements received from the Arkansas Lottery Commission for costs related to the administration of the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. APPROPRIATION TRANSFER PROCEDURES - AR GEOGRAPHICAL CRITICAL NEEDS MINORITY TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. The Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education shall determine the amount available, up to \$200,000 per fiscal year, to fund the Arkansas Geographical Critical Needs Minority Teacher Scholarships and shall certify to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the State Treasurer such amount as is required to be transferred from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account. Upon receiving such certification, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the State Treasurer shall cause to be transferred the necessary funds and appropriation to the fund account of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff for implementation of this program. The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff may use up to twenty percent (20%) of the funds and appropriation for administration of the program.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. HIGHER EDUCATION CENTRAL POOL POSITIONS. (a) Universities - (1) The Department of Higher Education shall establish and maintain a central pool of three hundred (300) positions to be used to establish additional positions when an institution does not have sufficient positions available to meet unanticipated enrollment growth, industry training demands, and its mandated

1 responsibilities.

2 (2) Central pool positions are to be used by the institutions if the  
3 personnel service needs exceed the number of positions authorized by the  
4 General Assembly and that were not anticipated at the time of the passage of  
5 the institution's operating appropriation act.

6 (3) No position established under this section may exceed the salary rate of  
7 the highest maximum annual salary rate or the highest grade level position  
8 authorized by the General Assembly in the requesting institution's operating  
9 appropriation act.

10 (4) The institution shall provide justification to the Department of Higher  
11 Education for the need to allocate positions from the central pool.

12 (5) Titles shall not be assigned to the institution from the central pool  
13 until specific positions are requested by the institution, recommended by the  
14 Department of Higher Education and approved by the Arkansas Legislative  
15 Council or the Joint Budget Committee.

16 (6) If an institution requests any central pool position to be continued  
17 during the subsequent fiscal year, the position must be requested as a new  
18 position in the institution's subsequent fiscal year budget request.

19 (b) Colleges - (1) The Department of Higher Education shall establish and  
20 maintain a central pool of two hundred fifty (250) positions to be used to  
21 establish additional positions when an institution does not have sufficient  
22 positions available to meet unanticipated enrollment growth, industry  
23 training demands, and its mandated responsibilities.

24 (2) Central pool positions are to be used by the institutions if the  
25 personnel service needs exceed the number of positions authorized by the  
26 General Assembly and that were not anticipated at the time of the passage of  
27 the institution's operating appropriation act.

28 (3) No position established under this section may exceed the salary rate of  
29 the highest maximum annual salary rate or the highest grade level position  
30 authorized by the General Assembly in the requesting institution's operating  
31 appropriation act.

32 (4) The institution shall provide justification to the Department of Higher  
33 Education for the need to allocate positions from the central pool.

34 (5) Titles shall not be assigned to the institution from the central pool  
35 until specific positions are requested by the institution, recommended by the  
36 Department of Higher Education and approved by the Arkansas Legislative

1 Council or the Joint Budget Committee.

2 (6) If an institution requests any central pool position to be continued  
3 during the subsequent fiscal year, the position must be requested as a new  
4 position in the institution's subsequent fiscal year budget request.

5 (c) Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of  
6 appropriation and general revenue funding for institutions of higher  
7 education each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This  
8 is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation  
9 act(s) for institutions of higher education and the general revenue  
10 allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the  
11 Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that  
12 institutions of higher education may operate more efficiently if some  
13 flexibility is provided to institutions of higher education authorizing broad  
14 powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate  
15 that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of  
16 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this  
17 section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint  
18 Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement  
19 of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled  
20 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is  
21 void.

22 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~  
23 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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25 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. OUTCOME-  
27 CENTERED FUNDING AWARDS. Upon certification of the Director of the  
28 Department of Higher Education, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall  
29 transfer to the Department of Higher Education Fund Account certified amounts  
30 based upon the outcome-centered funding policy of the Arkansas Higher  
31 Education Coordinating Board from the State Treasury funds of the  
32 Institutions of Higher Education. The Department of Higher Education will  
33 distribute funds from the Outcome-Centered Funding Awards Appropriation based  
34 upon the outcome-centered funding policy of the Arkansas Higher Education  
35 Coordinating Board.

36 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~

1 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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3 SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

5 ADMINISTRATIVE FEES. The Department of Higher Education is authorized to  
6 recover non-refundable administrative fees related to the institutional  
7 certification and exemption process for out-of-state, non-public, and for-  
8 profit colleges and universities. These fees include a notification fee, an  
9 application processing fee, and travel expenses for the certification review  
10 teams.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~  
12 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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14 SECTION 41. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
15 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
16 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
17 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
18 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
19 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
20 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
21 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
22 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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24 SECTION 42. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
25 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
26 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
27 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
28 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
29 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
30 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
31 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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33 SECTION 43. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
34 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
35 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
36 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2016 is essential to the operation of

1 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
2 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
3 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2016 could work irreparable harm  
4 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
5 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
6 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
7 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2016.

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