

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
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As Engrossed: H1/22/25

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1133

5 By: Representatives Unger, Lundstrum
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING NORTHWEST
10 TECHNICAL INSTITUTE; TO AUTHORIZE NORTHWEST TECHNICAL
11 INSTITUTE TO APPOINT A PRESIDENT WITH AN INDUSTRY
12 BACKGROUND; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TO AUTHORIZE NORTHWEST TECHNICAL
17 INSTITUTE TO APPOINT A PRESIDENT WITH AN
18 INDUSTRY BACKGROUND; AND TO DECLARE AN
19 EMERGENCY.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-43-505, concerning Northwest Technical
25 Institute, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

26 (c) The Northwest Technical Institute may appoint a president who has
27 a background in industry in lieu of a background in education.
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29 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
30 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Northwest Technical
31 Institute plays an important role in the economy of the state by educating
32 many of the state's future technical industry workforce; that the Northwest
33 Technical Institute is currently searching for permanent leadership to lead
34 and guide this vital work; and that this act is immediately necessary because
35 current criteria limits who the Northwest Technical Institute can consider
36 for the open president position that needs to be filled as soon as possible



1 to ensure that the Northwest Technical Institute is able to continue serving
2 the state and educating the state's future technical industry workforce.
3 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately
4 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
5 become effective on:

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

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

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

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13 /s/Unger
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