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A Bill

SENATE BILL 46

5 By: Senators Caldwell, R. Murdock
6 By: Representatives Hollowell, Barnett
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8
9 AN ACT CONCERNING EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE; TO
10 REFLECT A MERGER BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
11 AND EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BY CHANGING THE
12 NAME OF EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO THE
13 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY
14 COLLEGE; TO REPEAL PORTIONS OF THE LAW CONCERNING A
15 PREVIOUS MERGER INVOLVING EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY
16 COLLEGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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20 TO REFLECT A MERGER BETWEEN THE
21 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AND EAST ARKANSAS
22 COMMUNITY COLLEGE BY CHANGING THE NAME
23 OF EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO
24 THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS EAST ARKANSAS
25 COMMUNITY COLLEGE.
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-5-302 is amended to read as follows:
30 6-5-302. Allocation and transfer of funds.

31 From the moneys accruing to the Educational Excellence Trust Fund, the
32 Treasurer of State on the last day of the month shall transfer to the various
33 funds and fund accounts listed below, the amounts determined by applying each
34 fund or fund account's proportionate part of the total of all such
35 allocations set forth in this section to the amount available for
36 distribution as determined in § 6-5-301:



	FISCAL YEAR ENDING	
Fund or Fund Accounts	June 30, 2002	June 30, 2003 & Thereafter
Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account	\$161,935,727	\$164,138,382
Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account	9,518,065	10,032,555
Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Fund Account	762,901	804,138
Division of Career and Technical Education Fund Account	2,856,557	3,010,965
Higher Education Grants Fund Account	10,499,767	11,067,322
School for Math, Sciences, and Arts Fund	0	5,988,465
Institutions of Higher Education:		
Arkansas State University Fund	4,797,713	5,057,049
Arkansas Tech University Fund	1,608,226	1,695,157
Henderson State University Fund	1,663,634	1,753,560
Southern Arkansas University Fund	983,576	1,036,743
University of Arkansas Fund	11,905,301	12,548,830
University of Arkansas at Little Rock Fund	4,224,809	4,453,177
University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund	7,274,293	7,667,498
University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund - Indigent Care	181,013	190,797
University of Arkansas at Monticello Fund	848,858	894,742
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Fund	1,473,599	1,553,253
University of Central Arkansas Fund	3,661,359	3,859,270
Arkansas State University-Beebe Fund	1,144,646	1,206,518
<u>University of Arkansas</u> East Arkansas Community College Fund	599,022	631,401
National Park College Fund	895,921	944,349
Arkansas Northeastern College Fund	573,810	604,827
North Arkansas College Fund	353,775	372,898
Northwest Arkansas Community College Fund	791,763	834,561
Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas Fund	583,366	614,899

1	University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain Fund		
2		158,120	166,667
3	SAU-Tech Fund	256,801	270,683
4	South Arkansas Community College Fund	409,688	431,833
5	University of Arkansas at Fort Smith Fund	2,437,691	2,569,458
6	TOTAL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION	\$ 46,826,984	\$ 49,358,170

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 8 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code §§ 6-51-1101 – 6-51-1104 are repealed.

9 ~~6-51-1101. Merger.~~

10 ~~(a)(1) This subchapter shall govern the merger of Crowley’s Ridge~~
 11 ~~Technical Institute and East Arkansas Community College if:~~

12 ~~(A) The Board of Directors of Crowley’s Ridge Technical~~
 13 ~~Institute votes to merge with East Arkansas Community College;~~

14 ~~(B) The Board of Directors of East Arkansas Community~~
 15 ~~College votes to accept the merger; and~~

16 ~~(C) The merger is approved under § 6-53-401.~~

17 ~~(2)(A)(i) When voting to accept a merger under subdivision~~
 18 ~~(a)(1)(B) of this section, the Board of Directors of East Arkansas Community~~
 19 ~~College shall designate a date for the merger to become effective.~~

20 ~~(ii) The Board of Directors of East Arkansas~~
 21 ~~Community College shall consult the Board of Directors of Crowley’s Ridge~~
 22 ~~Technical Institute in determining the date under subdivision (a)(2)(A)(i) of~~
 23 ~~this section.~~

24 ~~(B) If a merger of Crowley’s Ridge Technical Institute and~~
 25 ~~East Arkansas Community College is approved under § 6-53-401, the merger~~
 26 ~~shall become effective on the date designated under subdivision (a)(2)(A)(i)~~
 27 ~~of this section.~~

28 ~~(b) On the effective date of a merger under subdivision (a)(2) of this~~
 29 ~~section, all statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, records,~~
 30 ~~personnel, property, unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or~~
 31 ~~other funds, including the functions of budgeting or purchasing, of Crowley’s~~
 32 ~~Ridge Technical Institute shall be transferred to East Arkansas Community~~
 33 ~~College.~~

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 35 ~~6-51-1102. Board of directors.~~

36 ~~On the effective date of a merger under § 6-51-1101(a)(2):~~

1 ~~(1) The Board of Directors of Crowley's Ridge Technical~~
2 ~~Institute shall be abolished; and~~

3 ~~(2) The Board of Directors of East Arkansas Community College~~
4 ~~shall assume the powers and duties of the Board of Directors of Crowley's~~
5 ~~Ridge Technical Institute.~~

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7 ~~6-51-1103. Purchasing.~~

8 ~~(a) Upon the vote of the Board of Directors of Crowley's Ridge~~
9 ~~Technical Institute to merge with East Arkansas Community College under § 6-~~
10 ~~51-1101(a)(1)(A) and before the effective date of a merger under § 6-51-~~
11 ~~1101(a)(2):~~

12 ~~(1) Purchases by Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute shall be~~
13 ~~made under the Arkansas Procurement Law, § 19-11-201 et seq.; and~~

14 ~~(2) Purchases by East Arkansas Community College may continue to~~
15 ~~be made under procedures that were applicable to East Arkansas Community~~
16 ~~College.~~

17 ~~(b) This section shall not apply if a merger is not subsequently~~
18 ~~approved under § 6-51-1101(a).~~

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20 ~~6-51-1104. Transfer of assets, obligations, records, personnel,~~
21 ~~property, unexpended balances, and legal authority.~~

22 ~~Beginning on the effective date of a merger under § 6-51-1101(a)(2):~~

23 ~~(1) All property and other rights, claims, and assets of~~
24 ~~Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute shall be transferred to East Arkansas~~
25 ~~Community College;~~

26 ~~(2) All obligations of Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute shall~~
27 ~~be obligations of East Arkansas Community College;~~

28 ~~(3)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (3)(B) of this section,~~
29 ~~all records, personnel, property, unexpended balances, and legal authority~~
30 ~~shall be transferred from Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute to East~~
31 ~~Arkansas Community College.~~

32 ~~(B) If applicable, the personnel transferred from~~
33 ~~Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute to East Arkansas Community College shall~~
34 ~~comply with Acts 2017, No. 94, § 1, as amended by this subchapter; and~~

35 ~~(4) All cash fund balances of Crowley's Ridge Technical~~
36 ~~Institute transferred to East Arkansas Community College shall be used for~~

1 ~~the operation, support, and improvement of occupational, vocational,~~
 2 ~~technical, and workforce development programs of East Arkansas Community~~
 3 ~~College.~~

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 5 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code §§ 6-51-1105 and 6-51-1106 are amended to
 6 read as follows:

7 6-51-1105. Funding from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund.

8 Beginning on the effective date of a merger under § 6-51-1101(a)(2),
 9 funding from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund, which would have been
 10 provided to Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute, shall be provided to the
 11 University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College to fund workforce
 12 development, vocational, occupational, and training programs offered by the
 13 University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College.

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 15 6-51-1106. Funding from the Federal Adult Basic Education Fund.

16 Beginning on the effective date of a merger under § 6-51-1101(a)(2),
 17 funding from the Federal Adult Basic Education Fund, which would have been
 18 provided to Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute, shall be provided to the
 19 University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College.

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 21 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-63-305(b)(8), concerning new or
 22 additional positions at institutions of higher education, is amended to read
 23 as follows:

24 (8) University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College

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 27 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 19-4-906(a)(093), concerning the maximum
 28 number of authorized passenger motor vehicles for East Arkansas Community
 29 College, is amended to read as follows:

30 (093) University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College 28

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 32 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 19-5-303(n), concerning funds of
 33 institutions of higher education, is amended to read as follows:

34 (n) University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College Fund.

35 (1) There is established on the books of the Treasurer of State,
 36 the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a fund to be

1 known as the "University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College Fund".

2 (2) The University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College
3 Fund shall be used for the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the
4 University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College.

5 (3) The University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College
6 Fund shall consist of:

7 (A) Those general revenues as may be provided by law; and

8 (B) Any other funds made available for the support of the
9 University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College which are required to
10 be deposited into the State Treasury by law.

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12 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 19-11-220(a)(19), concerning state agencies
13 authorized to have an agency procurement official under the Arkansas
14 Procurement Law, is amended to read as follows:

15 (19) University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College;

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