

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2025
4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1697

5 By: Representative Joey Carr
6 By: Senator J. Dotson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS
10 CODE CONCERNING PROVISIONAL POSITIONS FOR STATE-
11 SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; TO AMEND
12 PROVISIONS OF TITLE 19 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
13 CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS FOR STATE-
14 SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; TO
15 DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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19 TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 AND TITLE
20 19 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING
21 PROVISIONAL POSITIONS AND MOTOR VEHICLE
22 RESTRICTIONS FOR STATE-SUPPORTED
23 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND TO
24 DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-63-305(b)(1), concerning new or
29 additional positions at Arkansas State University-Jonesboro, is amended to
30 read as follows:

31 (1) Arkansas State University-Jonesboro ~~375~~ 425
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-63-305(b)(14), concerning new or
34 additional positions at Northwest Arkansas Community College, is amended to
35 read as follows:

36 (14) Northwest Arkansas Community College ~~80~~ 100



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SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-63-305(b)(25), concerning new or additional positions at University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, is amended to read as follows:

(25) University of Arkansas at Fayetteville ~~750~~ 1,000

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-63-305(b)(33), concerning new or additional positions at University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, is amended to read as follows:

(33) University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff ~~150~~ 200

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 19-4-906(a)(066), concerning motor vehicle restrictions and authorizations for state entities and institutions of higher education, is amended to read as follows:

(066) Black River Technical College ~~14~~ 20

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 19-4-906(a)(101), concerning motor vehicle restrictions and authorizations for state entities and institutions of higher education, is amended to read as follows:

(101) Northwest Arkansas Community College ~~22~~ 30

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 19-4-906(a)(109), concerning motor vehicle restrictions and authorizations for state entities and institutions of higher education, is amended to read as follows:

(109) University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain
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SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 19-4-906(a)(115), concerning motor vehicle restrictions and authorizations for state entities and institutions of higher education, is amended to read as follows:

(115) Southern Arkansas University - Magnolia ~~59~~ 65

SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 19-4-906(a)(137), concerning motor vehicle restrictions and authorizations for state entities and institutions of higher education, is amended to read as follows:

(137) University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences ~~110~~ 120

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2 SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
3 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the authorization for
4 additional provisional positions at state-supported institutions of higher
5 education is necessary in advance of the upcoming fiscal year; that the
6 authorization of additional motor vehicles for certain state-supported
7 institutions of higher education is necessary in advance of the upcoming
8 fiscal year; that certain federal and foundation grants are disbursed prior
9 to the upcoming fiscal year, making it necessary to implement the changes in
10 this act before the start of the new fiscal year; and that this act is
11 necessary to maintain efficient operation of certain state-supported
12 institutions of higher education. Therefore, an emergency is declared to
13 exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace,
14 health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

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17 **APPROVED: 4/8/25**
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