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April 6, 2026

The Honorable Jonathan Dismang, Chair  
The Honorable Lane Jean, Chair  
Joint Budget Committee  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Dismang and Representative Jean:

Please accept this as a formal request from the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board to amend HB1065 as detailed below for Northwest Arkansas Community College for Fiscal Year 2026-2027:

Section 4. APPROPRIATION – CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Northwest Arkansas Community College, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the Northwest Arkansas Community College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

Item No.		FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027	
(06)	Capital Improvements	\$1,140,911	<u>\$14,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED		<del>\$83,698,022</del>	<u>\$96,557,111</u>

This request is needed due to increased construction costs for repairing campus facilities from a tornado that occurred in May of 2024. Delayed timing to the start of the project caused increased material costs and additional repairs needed to the facilities.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nicholas Fuller  
Assistant Commissioner for Finance

# Hall of the House of Representatives

95th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2026

## Amendment Form

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### Subtitle of House Bill 1065

AN ACT FOR THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPROPRIATION  
FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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### Amendment No. \_\_\_ to House Bill 1065

Amend House Bill 1065 as originally introduced:

Page 8, line 35, delete "1,140,911" and substitute "14,000,000"

AND

Page 9, line 2, delete "\$83,698,022" and substitute "\$96,557,111".

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The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_  
By: Joint Budget Committee  
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Chief Clerk