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A Bill

SENATE BILL

4 **By: Senators Russ, Jewell, Keet, Snyder, Hoofman, Hardin, Moore, Bookout,**
5 **Walters, and Luelf**

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS HIGH TECHNOLOGY TRAINING
10 CENTER UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; TO ESTABLISH AN
11 ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE CENTER; TO PRESCRIBE THE POWERS,
12 FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD AND THE CENTER; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

16 "ESTABLISHING THE ARKANSAS HIGH TECHNOLOGY TRAINING CENTER
17 AND AN ADVISORY BOARD, AND PRESCRIBING POWERS AND DUTIES
18 OF THE BOARD AND CENTER."

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. There is hereby established the Arkansas High Technology
23 Training Center, hereinafter "Center", which shall be a center offering
24 courses in aerospace technology and other high technologies to secondary
25 education students from throughout the state of Arkansas. The Center shall
26 also offer high technology training to specific work forces in coordination
27 with the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission in order to assist the
28 AIDC in fulfilling its obligations and commitments in attracting high
29 technology industry to the state. The Center shall also offer courses to
30 adults to enhance their competencies and capabilities in high technology
31 careers in coordination with the Adult Education Division of the State
32 Department of Vocational Education. The purpose of the Center shall be to
33 educate a broad cross section of students and adults in high technology
34 skills, theory, and careers, and to develop curriculum and materials to
35 improve instruction in high technology for all students and adults in the

1 state. The Center_s curriculum, faculty, and admissions policy shall reflect
2 such purposes.

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4 SECTION 2. The Center shall be located at the Little Rock Regional
5 Airport in conjunction with the Aerospace Education Center and the Arkansas
6 Museum of Aviation History. The Center shall be funded by moneys appropriated
7 by the General Assembly for the operation of the Center and by such grants,
8 contributions, or donations which may be received by the department for the
9 support of the Center. The department may contract with private or public
10 business enterprises or other government agencies to perform customized high
11 technology training for the benefit of those contracting parties. Attendees
12 to the Center may be required to pay tuition, fees, or room and board.

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14 SECTION 3. The Center shall be operated as a part of the Department of
15 Education with the advice and counsel of an eleven-member advisory board of
16 directors to be composed of the Director of the General Education Division of
17 the Department of Education, the Director of the Department of Higher
18 Education, the Director of the Vocational Education Division of the Department
19 of Education, the Director of the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission,
20 the Chairman of the Aviation and Aerospace Commission, and the President of
21 the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority and five (5) members appointed
22 by the Governor from the state at large. The five (5) members initially
23 appointed shall draw lots for terms so that two will serve terms of one (1)
24 year, two will serve terms of two (2) years and one will serve a term of three
25 (3) years. Subsequent appointments to the board shall be for three-year
26 terms. No appointee shall serve more than nine (9) years. The board shall
27 annually elect a chairman and such other officers as the board shall determine
28 appropriate.

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30 SECTION 4. The department shall develop a plan for structure, operation
31 and funding of the Center. The department shall prepare the biennial budget
32 request for the Center_s operation which shall be submitted to the State Board
33 of Education for inclusion in the biennial budget request of the Department of
34 Education for funding programs from the Vocational Education Fund.

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1 SECTION 5. The Director of the Department of Education shall employ an
2 administrator for the Center who shall serve at the pleasure of the Director
3 of the Department of Education. The administrator shall be the chief
4 administrative officer of the Center and shall administer the Center in
5 accordance with the policies established by the department.

6 The administrator and other personnel employed for the operation of the
7 Center shall be employees of the state of Arkansas. Faculty members and other
8 personnel required for operation of the Center shall be recommended for
9 employment by the administrator and shall be employed by annual contract by
10 the department. Teachers and administrators so employed shall be eligible for
11 membership in the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System and earn credited service
12 for such employment. Noneducational personnel employed by the department
13 shall be eligible for membership in the Public Employees Retirement System and
14 earn credited service for such employment.

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16 SECTION 6. The State Department of Education, the Department of Higher
17 Education, the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission, and the Arkansas
18 Science and Technology Authority shall provide technical assistance to the
19 Center. The department shall also be authorized to contract with other
20 agencies and private research centers as it may deem necessary to carry out
21 its responsibilities for the operation of the Center.

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23 SECTION 7. The Department of Education is authorized and empowered to
24 receive contributions, donations, gifts, bequeaths of money, other forms of
25 financial assistance and property, equipment, materials, or personnel from
26 persons, foundations, trust funds, corporations, organizations, and other
27 sources, private or public, to be expended and utilized for the operation of
28 the Center.

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30 SECTION 8. The Department of Education shall supervise the Arkansas
31 High Technology Training Center and is hereby authorized and empowered to
32 promulgate rules and regulations that may be necessary to carry out the
33 provisions of this subchapter.

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35 SECTION 9. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

1 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
2 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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4 SECTION 10. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
5 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
6 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
7 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
8 act are declared to be severable.

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10 SECTION 11. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
11 hereby repealed.

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