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A Bill

SENATE BILL 545

5 By: Senator M. Johnson
6 By: Representative Dalby
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION;
10 TO AMEND THE LAW RELATED TO THE PROPERTY AND FINANCES
11 OF STATE INSTITUTIONS; TO AMEND THE LAW RELATED TO
12 BONDS; TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING RENTS, TOLLS, FEES,
13 AND OTHER CHARGES RELATED TO ATHLETIC CONTESTS; AND
14 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 TO AMEND THE LAW RELATED TO THE PROPERTY
19 AND FINANCES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF
20 HIGHER EDUCATION; TO AMEND THE LAW
21 RELATED TO BONDS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW
22 REGARDING RENTS, TOLLS, FEES, AND OTHER
23 CHARGES RELATED TO ATHLETIC CONTESTS.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-62-302(a), concerning the authority of
28 the boards of trustees of the University of Arkansas, Arkansas State
29 University system, University of Central Arkansas, Henderson State
30 University, Arkansas Tech University, and Southern Arkansas University, is
31 amended to read as follows:

32 (a) Subject to and in accordance with the terms of this subchapter,
33 the boards of trustees of the University of Arkansas, Arkansas State
34 University system, University of Central Arkansas, ~~Henderson State~~
35 ~~University~~, Arkansas Tech University, and Southern Arkansas University,
36 respectively, are authorized and empowered as public agencies of the State of



1 Arkansas to:

2 (1) Construct buildings, structures, parking facilities, or
3 other improvements which the board of trustees deems proper or suitable for
4 the school and to purchase sites therefor, if necessary;

5 (2) Purchase for such purpose buildings already constructed and
6 the tracts of land on which they are situated;

7 (3) Reconstruct, enlarge or repair, and equip any buildings or
8 structures of the university, including, but not limited to, buildings or
9 structures constructed or purchased under authority of this subchapter; ~~and~~

10 (4) Purchase for such purposes and pay the expense of tearing
11 down, removing to the school, reconstructing, and equipping houses,
12 buildings, or structures; and

13 (5) Acquire, improve, install, license, lease, or equip other
14 facilities, improvements, leaseholds, infrastructure, technologies, or any
15 other tangible or intangible properties that the board of trustees deems
16 proper or suitable for the school.

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18 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-62-305(a), concerning the authorization
19 of the board of trustees to issue negotiable interest bearing notes or bonds,
20 is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

21 (6) Any other revenues derived from the operation of the board
22 and the campuses governed thereby, excluding any moneys that are derived from
23 tax collections.

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25 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-62-311 is amended to read as follows:

26 6-62-311. Rents, tolls, fees, etc. – Rules authorized.

27 A board of trustees is further authorized and empowered to fix the
28 rents, tolls, fees, other charges, activity fees, and gate receipts of
29 athletic contests and to make and to enforce the rules with reference to or
30 in connection with any building, ~~or~~ structure, facility, improvement,
31 infrastructure, leasehold, technology, or property authorized to be
32 constructed, reconstructed, enlarged, repaired, improved, installed,
33 licensed, leased, or equipped and with reference to the use thereof as the
34 board may deem desirable for the welfare of the institution or its student
35 body.

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