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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 115

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO SUBSTITUTE "ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THREE RIVERS" FOR "COLLEGE OF THE OUACHITAS" IN THE ARKANSAS CODE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO SUBSTITUTE "ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THREE RIVERS" FOR "COLLEGE OF THE OUACHITAS" IN THE ARKANSAS CODE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 54 is amended to read as follows:

### Chapter 54

~~COLLEGE OF THE OUACHITAS~~ ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THREE RIVERS

6-54-101. ~~College of The Ouachitas~~ Arkansas State University Three Rivers established.

(a) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall designate ~~the College of The Ouachitas, Malvern,~~ Arkansas State University Three Rivers as a technical college, which shall become part of the Arkansas Technical and Community College System under the coordination of the board.

(b) ~~This institution shall not have any authority to request the board's approval for associate degree programs before July 1, 1993.~~

(c) ~~This institution~~ Arkansas State University Three Rivers may expand



to offer courses of instruction in technical, vocational, and adult education programs and college transfer programs and may, upon a vote of the electorate, create a community college district and, if necessary, impose a millage to convert ~~to~~ Arkansas State University Three Rivers into a community college.

6-54-102. Effect on other laws.

The procedures and deadlines established in this chapter shall, for the purpose of this chapter, ~~shall~~ be in lieu of and supersede ~~those set forth in the procedures and deadlines under the~~ existing laws of this state with respect to the establishment, organization, and administration of ~~this vocational-technical postsecondary institution~~ Arkansas State University Three Rivers. Existing laws of this state, for the purposes of this chapter, shall apply only in those situations ~~which~~ that are not specifically provided for in this chapter and when applied shall be consistent, insofar as possible, with the purpose, procedures, and deadlines contained in this chapter.

6-54-103. Rights and privileges.

(a) ~~The technical college~~ Arkansas State University Three Rivers established ~~herein~~ under this chapter shall be subject to the same restrictions and enjoy the same privileges as any other technical college created under the chapter establishing the Arkansas Technical and Community College System.

(b) ~~The President Chancellor of the College of The Ouachitas~~ Arkansas State University Three Rivers and all other personnel employed by the school shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as personnel employed by state-supported postsecondary vocational-technical schools transferred to the ~~Arkansas Technical and Community College System~~ system under the act establishing ~~such~~ the system, § 6-53-201 et seq.

6-54-104. Administration.

(a) ~~Until the institution~~ Unless Arkansas State University Three Rivers elects to become a community college, ~~the institution~~ Arkansas State University Three Rivers shall be known as a technical college.

(b) ~~The technical college~~ Arkansas State University Three Rivers shall

~~work to achieve~~ maintain higher education institutional accreditation from an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.

~~(e) Upon the appointment of the local board, all records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the state supported postsecondary vocational technical institution shall be transferred to the local board.~~

~~(d)~~(c) The ~~local board~~ Board of Trustees of the Arkansas State University System shall be responsible for the administration and operation of ~~the institution~~ Arkansas State University Three Rivers and shall be further responsible for the provision of services to meet the two-year postsecondary educational needs of ~~those~~ the citizens located within the service area assigned ~~the institution~~ to Arkansas State University Three Rivers by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

~~6-54-105. Accreditation — Abolishment.~~

~~If the technical college fails to achieve such accreditation within eight (8) years following the date of transfer under § 6-54-104(d), the technical college shall be abolished by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board. All records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the technical college shall be transferred to the Division of Higher Education.~~

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