

State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1697

By: Representative Joey Carr

By: Senator J. Dotson

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 AND TITLE 19 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PROVISIONAL POSITIONS AND MOTOR VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS FOR STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-63-305(b)(1), concerning new or additional positions at Arkansas State University-Jonesboro, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Arkansas State University-Jonesboro ~~375~~ 425

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-63-305(b)(14), concerning new or additional positions at Northwest Arkansas Community College, is amended to read as follows:

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



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
~~16~~ 20

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

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

APPROVED: 4/8/25