

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1133

By: Representatives Unger, Lundstrum

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING NORTHWEST  
TECHNICAL INSTITUTE; TO AUTHORIZE NORTHWEST TECHNICAL  
INSTITUTE TO APPOINT A PRESIDENT WITH AN INDUSTRY  
BACKGROUND; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE NORTHWEST TECHNICAL  
INSTITUTE TO APPOINT A PRESIDENT WITH AN  
INDUSTRY BACKGROUND; AND TO DECLARE AN  
EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-43-505, concerning Northwest Technical Institute, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c) The Northwest Technical Institute may appoint a president who has a background in industry in lieu of a background in education.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Northwest Technical Institute plays an important role in the economy of the state by educating many of the state's future technical industry workforce; that the Northwest Technical Institute is currently searching for permanent leadership to lead and guide this vital work; and that this act is immediately necessary because current criteria limits who the Northwest Technical Institute can consider for the open president position that needs to be filled as soon as possible



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to ensure that the Northwest Technical Institute is able to continue serving the state and educating the state's future technical industry workforce. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

/s/Unger