

Act 256 of the 1989 Regular Session.

Act 256

SB215

By: Joint Budget Committee

"AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO WESTARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTIALLY MATCHING A GRANT FROM THE ARKANSAS BUSINESS COUNCIL FOUNDATION FOR PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY TRAINING AND SERVICES FOR INDUSTRIES LOCATED, OR COMMITTED TO LOCATED, WITHIN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1991; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the General Assembly to assist Arkansas industries in becoming and remaining competitive, and

WHEREAS, accomplishment of this goal is vital to the economic development and vitality of the State of Arkansas, and

WHEREAS, productivity growth, technological innovation, and human skill motivation are critical in improving competitiveness, and

WHEREAS, recent changes and future directions in the work place indicate a need for a broadly educated, skilled and motivated work force with the ability to respond to technological advances.

NOW THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established at Westark Community College a Center for Quality and Productivity. The goals of the Center for Quality and Productivity at Westark Community College shall include (1) developing and disseminating model curriculum and courses in quality technology, (2) training a network of certified quality management educators/trainers, (3) establishing a clearinghouse offering resource information and faculty consultation for quality trainers and industries throughout the State, (4) directing training and retraining efforts at industry sites and schools, colleges, universities, and other locations when requested, and (5) providing start-up training courses and seminars on total quality management for new industry and employees.

SECTION 2. Westark Community College is required as a condition for receiving matching monies authorized by this Act, to raise an additional \$320,000 in cash and/or matching gifts from private sources other than the Arkansas Business Council Foundation, with such private funding to be received by March 1, 1991.

SECTION 3. The Center for Quality and Productivity at Westark Community College shall annually provide detailed reports and other accountability indices to the State Department of Higher Education and the Arkansas Industrial Development Corporation.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to be payable

from the Westark Community College Fund to Westark Community College, for training in quality and productivity by the Center for Quality and Productivity the sum of.....\$320,000.

SECTION 5 . FUNDING TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer the sum of \$320,000 from the 76th Session Transfer Fund to the Westark Community College Fund or so much thereof as is available and the balance required shall be transferred from the General Improvement Fund to provide funds for the appropriation provided herein.

SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly, that the Arkansas Business Council Foundation has made a substantial investment of private funds in the establishment of the Center for Quality and Productivity at Westark Community College for the purpose of meeting these challenges, and that the effectiveness of State funds committed to quality and productivity training in Arkansas can be maximized when matching by equal amounts from the Arkansas Business council and from other private sources. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

APPROVED: February 24, 1989

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