# INST: 0130 ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY ACT#: 204 SECTION#: 5

**CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH INST. REQUEST) AR HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6- 65- 302,

concerning the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University, is amended to add additional subsections to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

(c)(1) The board may make a special allowance available to a coach employed by the university and who coaches more than one (1) sport at the university.

1. A special allowance under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall not exceed ten thousand dollars ($10,000) per fiscal year for any one (1) coach.
2. If the board makes a special allowance under subdivision (c)(1) of this section, then the board shall report annually to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee the exact disposition of those allowance funds.

(d)(1) The board may reimburse tuition, fees, and other education- related expenses of a current university faculty member who seeks additional education levels that will benefit the university in meeting accreditation and professional standards.

(2) Reimbursement under subdivision (d)(1) of this section shall be authorized only when the reimbursement request submitted by the current university faculty member has been documented by the university to meet critical shortage instructional areas or is necessary for restructuring the academic programs of the university.

Recommendation: Codification to combine Special Language Codes 0130- 0026-005 ("Special Allowances) and 0130-0026-007 ("Tuition Reimbursement") as an addition to Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 65,

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**CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH INST. REQUEST) AR HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 65, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

6- 65- 307. Arkansas Tech S TEM Institute.

1. Arkansas Tech S TEM Institute shall be administered under the direction of Arkansas Tech University.
2. The institute shall utilize a multidisciplinary collaboration of professionals to explore, develop, implement, and evaluate new and better ways to integrate the teaching, study, and performance of the following for academic, economic, and economic development purposes in the state:
   1. Business;
   2. Engineer ing;
   3. Emergency management;
   4. Agr iculture;
   5. Health care;
   6. Technical programs; and (7) Computer sciences.
3. The priorities of the institute shall include without limitation: (1) Economic development;

(2) Technology development; and (3) Cyber- park development.

1. The university shall make annual reports to the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, on all matters regarding the following as they relate to the institute:

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* 1. Funding;
  2. Existing programs offered by the institute; and (3) Services offered through the institute.

# INST: 0130 ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY ACT#: 204 SECTION#: 7

**CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH INST. REQUEST) AR HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT. The Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University shall be authorized to reimburse tuition, feed, and other educational related expenses of current faculty who see additional education levels that will benefit the university in meeting accreditation and professional standards. Reimbursement shall be authorized only when the reimbursement request has been documented by the institution to meet critical shortage instructional areas or is necessary for restructuring of the academic programs of the institution.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

Recommendation: Codification to combine Special Language Codes 0130- 0026- 005 ("Special Allowances) and 0130- 0026- 007 ("Tuition Reimbursement") as an addition to Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 65, Subchapter 302.