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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1040

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE EXTRAORDINARY INCENTIVES FOR TEACHER
RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION IN HIGH-POVERTY DISTRICTS."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1040.

Amend House Bill No. 1040 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 34 and substitute the following:

- (1) A bonus of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be paid at the time the teacher signs a contract to teach in a high poverty area;
- (2) Five (5) days of paid vacation to be awarded at the end of

AND

Page 1, line 36, delete (2) and substitute (3)

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Page 2, line 2, delete (3) and substitute (4)

AND

Immediately following SECTION 1, add the following additional SECTION:

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 51, Subchapter 5 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26-51-512. Teachers in high-poverty area.

(a)(1) For purposes of this section "high-poverty area" means an area of the state in which seventy-five (75%) percent or more of public school students are eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program under the National School Lunch Act.

(b) A credit shall be allowed against the income tax imposed by the Arkansas Income Tax Act of 1929, § 26-51-101, et seq., to a teacher teaching in a high-poverty area.

(1) For the first school year that a teacher teaches in a high-poverty area, the credit is two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

(2) For the second school year that a teacher teaches in a high-poverty district, the credit is three thousand dollars (\$3,000)

(3) For the third school year that a teacher teaches in a high-poverty area, the credit is four thousand dollars (\$4,000).

(4) For the fourth year and subsequent years that a teacher



teaches in a high-poverty area, the credit is five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

(c) This section applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2004 and expires December 31, 2015.

(d) The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration shall promulgate rules necessary to implement this tax credit.

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative Elliott

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