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Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 213

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 213

Amend Senate Bill No. 213 as originally introduced:

Insert an additional section immediately following SECTION 27 of the bill to read as follows:

" SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL RATES OF PAY AND EMPLOYMENT WORK DAYS. For employees hired on or after July 1, 2013, at the Arkansas State Hospital in the classifications listed below, the Division of Behavioral Health Director shall implement salary adjustments utilizing the approved pay grid for teachers employed by the Arkansas Schools for the Blind and Deaf.

To achieve the salary adjustments, the Division of Behavioral Health is authorized to pay special rates of pay for classifications at the Arkansas State Hospital listed below:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>
<u>E044C</u>	<u>Certified Bachelors Teacher</u>	<u>C117</u>
<u>E035C</u>	<u>Certified Masters Teacher</u>	<u>C119</u>

Funding for the minimum compensation provided for in this section that is supported in whole or in part from general revenues, shall, if required, be provided by a transfer from the Merit Adjustment Fund to the proper fund or fund account and in such amounts as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. The Division of Behavioral Health shall in addition to the funds provided in this Act for Annual Career Service Recognition Payments from the Merit Adjustment Fund, make available any funding generated from agency salary savings for such purposes from the funds or fund accounts as provided by law.

For employees hired on or after July 1, 2013, at the Arkansas State Hospital in the classifications listed above, the Division of Behavioral Health Director shall set the number of work days for the employment year to equal the number of days worked by those employed in the same classifications at the Arkansas Schools for the Blind and Deaf. The accrual, use, and carryover of sick days, personal days, and holidays of the employees at the Arkansas State Hospital that are hired on or after July 1, 2013, or current



employees choosing to adopt this plan, shall be treated in the same manner as those employed in the same classifications at the Arkansas Schools for the Blind and Deaf.

Those currently employed at the Arkansas State Hospital in the classifications listed above as of June 30, 2013, have the one-time option of adopting this language or continuing to operate under the same salary, leave and benefit plans they are currently receiving. Employees must make their decision by June 30, 2013.

Accrued annual and holiday leave, up to 240 hours, as of June 30, 2013, will be paid out to current employees choosing to adopt this plan. Any additional accrued annual and holiday leave will be forfeited. Accrued sick leave, as of June 30, 2013, shall be retained on file and shall be exhausted before any newly accrued sick leave may be taken.

All employees affected by this section shall be eligible to receive hazardous duty pay for time worked in eligible areas.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.”

AND

Appropriately renumber the SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____
By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Representative Nickels
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Secretary