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7 Filed with: Senate Committee on Education

8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 ## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A HOUSING STIPEND

11 FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONS; TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF

12 HIGHER EDUCATION TO DESIGNATE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF

13 FUNDS TO BE USED TOWARDS A HOUSING ALLOWANCE FOR

14 MEMBERS OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONS WHO RESIDE IN

15 COMMUNITIES WITH HIGH POVERTY RATES; AND FOR OTHER

16 PURPOSES.

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19 ## Subtitle

20 TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF HIGHER

21 EDUCATION TO DESIGNATE A CERTAIN AMOUNT

22 OF FUNDS TO BE USED TOWARDS A HOUSING

23 ALLOWANCE FOR MEMBERS OF CERTAIN

24 PROFESSIONS WHO RESIDE IN COMMUNITIES

25 WITH HIGH POVERTY RATES.

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

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30 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 82, Subchapter 1, is amended

31 to add an additional section to read as follows:

32 6-82-109. Housing stipend — Certain professions.

33 (a) The Division of Higher Education shall designate two million

34 dollars ($2,000,000) to be used towards a housing allowance for individuals

35 who:

1   (1) Have graduated from an institution of higher education and

2 are employed as:

3   (A) Members of the medical profession who are currently

4 treating patients in the State of Arkansas; or

5   (B) Teachers in the State of Arkansas; and

6   (2) Are employed in a community with a high poverty rate.

7   (b) An individual receiving a housing allowance under subsection (a)

8 of this section shall reside in a community with a high poverty rate for a

9 minimum of five (5) years in order to remain eligible for the housing

10 allowance.

11   (c) The division shall promulgate rules necessary to implement this

12 act.

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